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3. **Who have been readmitted?**
None.
4. **Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?**
E. E. Hatfield from Free Methodist Church and recognized as an elder.
5. **Who have been received on trial?**
 - (a) In studies of first year.
Fred B. Wilcox, Vere W. Abbey, William C. Leake, Roy E. Graves, Geo. V. Gray, Alden E. Elsom, Guy Wilkinson, William A. Godsave.
 - (b) In studies of third year under the Seminary Rule?
None.
6. **Who have been continued on trial?**
 - (a) In studies of first year.
Leslie Davis.
 - (b) In studies of second year.
Garner T. Osborn, Edward I. Prosser, Conway Boatman, George A. Trodie, Clinton D. Arms, Harry D. Clark, Edward B. Cooney, Charles W. Langdon.
 - (c) In studies of third year.
A. B. Foot.
 - (d) In studies of fourth year.
None.
7. **Who have been discontinued?**
Arthur G. Campbell, Olin W. Rifenbark, C. M. Weirauch, Karl Mansveld, John W. Hartley, William S. Rowden.
8. **Who have been admitted into full membership?**
 - (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year.
Wm. N. Allan, Chriss C. Hanson.
 - (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously.
Albert L. Olson.
9. **What members are in studies of third year?**
 - (a) Admitted into full membership this year.
Wm. N. Allan, Chriss C. Hanson.

- (b) Admitted into full membership previously.
Lloyd H. Rising, Geo. H. Book, Benj. F. Stiles.
10. **What members are in studies of fourth year?**
Harry B. Nash, Samuel W. Marble, Perley H. Weston.
11. **What members have completed the Conference course of study?**
(a) Elected and ordained elders this year.
Albert L. Olson, Leroy W. Darling, Kingston P. Kilbourn, Walter T. Loomis (not ordained), Henry C. Alley.
(b) Elected and ordained elders previously.
None.
(c) Elected and ordained elders under the Seminary Rule.
None.
12. **What others have been elected and ordained deacons?**
(a) As local preachers.
None.
(b) Under missionary rule.
None.
(c) Under the seminary rule.
William A. Godsave.
13. **What others have been elected and ordained elders?**
(a) As local deacons.
None.
(b) Under missionary rule.
None.
14. **Was the character of each preacher examined?**
This was strictly done.
15. **Who have been transferred, and to what conferences?**
O. W. Taylor, Wisconsin; T. S. Bassett, Northwest Iowa; N. A. Christensen, Oregon; F. F. Lewis, Wisconsin; **M. L. Sunderlin**, Rock River; John Wood, Southern California; M. T. Habgood, Nebraska; A. H. Beardsley, Ohio; W. H. Evans, Rock River; J. S. Ellis, Des Moines.
16. **Who have died?**
Charles E. McDonald, W. A. Greene, W. T. Ferguson, Archibald Jamison, A. E. Tanner, T. H. Youngman.
17. **Who have been located at their own request?**
None.
18. **Who have been located?**
None.
19. **Who have withdrawn?**
None.
20. **Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?**
None.
21. **Who have been expelled?**
None.
22. **What other personal notation should be made?**
H. D. Gough, a full member in studies of first year, was advanced to studies of second year.
B. I. Hubbard, a full member, was continued in the studies of the first year.

Scott P. Hauser, a probationer, graduated from the course of study 1915, elected to elder's orders under missionary rule 1915.

23. **Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?**

E. A. Bennett (2), J. D. Evans (5), E. E. Holmes (2), F. M. Faith (1), P. J. Lawson (2), J. R. Payne (2), Ernest Redmayne (1), G. W. Roberts (1), E. E. Saxton (2), C. M. Stebbins (5).

24. **Who are the retired ministers?**

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25. **Who are the triers of appeals?**

L. L. Layne, O. W. Butterfield, R. A. Bruce, F. E. Morrison, John Kaye.

26. **What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**

\$9,837.

27. **What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**

\$15,394.

28. **What is the Statistical Report?**

See the Statistician's Report.

29. **What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**

See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

30. (a) **What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**

\$53,313.

- (b) **What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**

\$20,328.

31. **What are the claims on the Conference funds?**

\$15,104.

32. (a) **What has been received on these claims?**

\$9,503.

- (b) **How has it been applied?**

See Report of Board of Stewards.

33. **What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference, to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants?**

Five per cent of pastors' cash salaries.

34. **What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for connectional relief?**

\$400.

35. **Where are the preachers stationed?**

See list of appointments.

36. **Where shall the next Conference be held?**

Madison.

Appointments

Names of Probationers are in bold face type.

Names of Supplies are in parentheses.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

2—P. O. Bunt, Superintendent, Aberdeen, S. D.

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| 2—Aberdeen, Gilbert Stansell | 1—Langford, F. B. Dunn |
| 3—Agar, C. D. Arms | —Lemmon and Cheney to be supplied |
| 4—Andover, L. L. Layne | 2—Leola, (Edward Whiteside) |
| 2—Ashton, F. C. Page | 1—Mellette (A. N. Wray) |
| 4—Bath and Putney, (R. E. Rich) | 2—Milbank, A. E. Buriff |
| 2—Big Stone City, J. M. Hunter | 1—Mound City and Herreid, Geo. V. Gray |
| 1—Bristol, Roy E. Graves | 2—Northville, J. F. Franklin |
| 1—Britton, C. W. Rodgers | 1—Redfield, A. A. Halter |
| 4—Claremont, (J. R. Krins) | 2—Rockham, J. E. McKinney |
| 1—Conde, L. L. Lane | 4—Selby and Bowdle, H. D. Gough |
| 2—Corona and Twin Brooks, J. D. Stevens | 1—Seneca, A. M. Lott |
| 2—Cresbard, L. J. Sheldon | 3—Sisseton, J. H. Ebert |
| 3—DeVoe, G. H. Book | 1—Timber Lake (J. H. Hard) |
| 3—Doland, F. H. Ray | 3—Waubay and Summit (Arthur Rinearson) |
| 1—Faith, Fred Wilcox | 2—Webster, J. M. Hunter |
| 1—Faulkton, R. B. Hughes | 1—Westport, (W. C. Strong) |
| 2—Frankfort, H. B. Nash | 1—White Rock, A. A. Ronshausen |
| 1—Frederick, J. N. Oakley | |
| 1—Gettysburg, E. E. Vernon | |
| 3—Groton, C. B. Harrold | |
| 1—Hecla, R. W. Plannette | |

MITCHELL DISTRICT

2—J. S. Harkness, Superintendent, Mitchell, S. D.

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| 2—Alexandria, A. C. MacLean | 2—Geddes, C. S. Lyles |
| 1—Alpena, J. B. Dibble | 1—Gregory, K. P. Kilbourn |
| 2—Armour, L. W. Darling | 2—Herrick and St. Charles, W. J. Douglass |
| 2—Artesian, W. E. Gale | —Iona and Hamil, to be supplied |
| —Bard, to be supplied | 2—Kimball, John Kaye |
| 1—Burke, Conway Boatman | 3—Lakeview Circuit, J. T. Gurney (P. O. Colome) |
| 2—Chamberlain, A. J. Hoyer | 2—Lane, S. F. Spitz |
| 1—Colome, A. L. Wilson | 10—Mitchell, J. S. Hoagland |
| 1—Dallas, E. E. Hatfield | Assistant pastor to be supplied |
| 2—Ethan, F. L. Bromaghim | 1—Mount Vernon, W. A. Godsave |
| 1—Farmer, Lloyd H. Rising | |
| 2—Farwell, W. C. Leake | |
| 1—Fulton (F. W. Stall) | |

- 5—Plankinton, O. M. Hyde
- 1—Platte, H. E. Rice
- 2—Roswell, H. C. Alley
- 2—Scotland, **C. W. Langdon**
- 1—Springfield, **A. E. Elsom**
- 1—Tripp, W. E. Hartung
- 6—Tyndall, S. H. Shurtleff
- Viola, to be supplied

- 1—Virgil and Wolsey, **Guy Wilkinson**
- 1—Wagner (A. E. Schwenk)
- 2—Wessington Springs, G. D. Brown
- White Lake, to be supplied
- 1—Winner, H. W. Bunton
- 1—Woonsocket, R. C. Shearer

RAPID CITY DISTRICT

5—C. E. Matteson, Superintendent, Rapid City, S. D.

- 1—Belle Fourche (Ernest Spry)
- 1—Boneita Springs (J. C. Baker)
- 3—Caputa, P. H. Weston
- 2—Custer, J. H. Spencer
- 1—Deadwood, E. P. Hall
- 4—Draper, B. I. Hubbard
- Edgemont, to be supplied
- 2—Harding, (A. G. Campbell)
- 2—Hot Springs, A. L. Olson
- Kadoka, to be supplied
- 1—Kennebec, (W. N. Trotter)
- 1—Keystone (S. M. Davis)
- 3—Lead, W. J. Calfee
- 4—Midland (C. M. Weirauch)
- 1—Murdo, B. H. Lewis
- Newell, to be supplied
- 2—Nowlin and Capa (John M. Wilson)
- 2—Oelrichs (C. O. Biggar)
- 1—Oral, E. J. Fish
- 3—Philip (R. J. Eling)
- 1—Piedmont (L. F. Gillespie)
- 6—Plainview (J. W. Hartley)
- 1—Presho and Vivien, **Garner T. Osborn**
- 2—Rapid City, F. E. Morrison
- 2—Reliance (A. T. McFarland)
- 1—Spearfish, G. D. Egner
- 1—Sturges (C. C. Ralston)
- 1—Terry, J. W. Lucas
- Quinn and Wall, to be supplied
- Weta, to be supplied
- Whitewood, to be supplied
- 1—White River (Fred Richards)

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

6—G. W. Rosenberry, Superintendent, Sioux Falls, S. D.

- 3—Bridgewater (Myron Redfield)
- 1—Beresford, Paul Gardner
- 1—Canistota and Riverview, O. P. Jackson
- 1—Canton, S. E. Brown
- 1—Centerville and Mount Zion (W. T. DeLop)
- 1—Chester, **A. B. Foot**
- 1—Colman and Welman, **Vere A. Abbey**
- Colton, to be supplied
- 2—Davis, N. P. Johnson
- 1—Dell Rapids, G. N. Gage
- Egan, to be supplied
- 1—Elk Point (A. E. Landis)
- 1—Ellis (Chester Werden)
- 3—Flandreau, W. N. Deller
- 23—Flandreau Circuit (D. C. Arms)
- 2—Garretson, I. P. Potter
- 1—Gayville and Volin, Frank Tanner
- 2—Harrisburg (L. F. Brown)
- 5—Hartford, C. H. Graf
- 2—Howard, L. A. McDonald
- 3—Hudson, Fairview and Pleasant Valley (R. P. Harmon)
- 4—Hurley, W. P. Slocum
- 3—Irene, S. B. Lowrie
- Junius, to be supplied
- Lennox, to be supplied
- 2—Madison, H. W. Minish
- 1—Montrose (Harlow Arms)
- 3—Parker, Nels Fanebust

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| 2—Pioneer (W. S. Rowden) | 2—Valley Springs, Benclare and Rowena, O. M. Freeman |
| 1—Richland (H. C. Bacon) | 1—Vermilion, C. E. Wilcox |
| 1—Salem, W. T. Loomis | 2—Wakonda, G. B. Wilder |
| Sioux Falls— | 1—Yankton, A. W. Thurston |
| 1—East Side Church, H. P. Eberhart | |
| 3—First Church, Eugene Allen | |

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

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| 2—W. S. Shepherd, Superintendent, Watertown, S. D. | |
| 2—Arlington, J. H. Kearton | 1—Esmond, E. B. Cooney |
| —Aurora and Trenton (W. S. Cummings) | 6—Florence (D. G. Radcliffe) |
| 1—Blunt and Harold (C. D. Walters) | 2—Garden City, T. H. Trevithick |
| 2—Bradley, W. M. Allan | 2—Gary, Harry Lee |
| 2—Broadland (W. J. Stevenson) | 4—Hazel and Thomas, H. G. Ozanne |
| 2—Brookings, I. M. Hargett | 3—Henry, O. E. Machemer |
| 2—Bruce (H. D. Seastrand) | 2—Highmore, S. W. Marble |
| 4—Burdette and Carlton, H. D. Clark | 2—Hitchcock, A. E. Hocking |
| 1—Carpenter, J. E. Norvell | 2—Huron, O. E. Boyce |
| 2—Castlewood (C. J. Gilbert) | 2—Iroquois, R. G. Minkler |
| 2—Cavour and Pearl Creek, E. I. Prosser | —Kampeska, to be supplied |
| 2—Chapelle Circuit (Arthur Mayer) | 2—Lake Preston, Fred Rawlinson |
| 5—Clark, O. W. Butterfield | 2—Miller, R. E. Tarleton |
| 1—Clear Lake (G. H. Quayle) | 1—Oldham, B. F. Stiles |
| 1—De Smet, A. N. Courtney | —Pierre, to be supplied |
| —Elkton, to be supplied | —St. Lawrence (Hugh Hay) |
| | 2—Tulare, C. C. Hanson |
| | 2—Watertown, G. C. White |
| | 1—Wessington, G. A. Trodie |
| | 1—White, C. B. Dennison |

Special Appointments

- W. D. Schermerhorn, President Dakota Wesleyan University, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.
- J. P. Jenkins, Vice-President Dakota Wesleyan University, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.
- C. V. Gilliland, Professor Dakota Wesleyan University, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.
- Samuel Wier, Professor Simpson College, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.
- J. O. Dobson, Financial Agent Cornell College, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.
- G. T. Notson, Executive Secretary Methodist State Hospital, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.
- E. E. Hunt, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of Idaho, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.
- P. H. McBeth, Assistant Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of Iowa, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

A. P. Janes, Chaplain Battle Mountain National Sanitarium, member of Hot Springs Quarterly Conference.

J. T. B. Smith, Editor Publications Board of Conference Claimants, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

H. L. Case, Financial Agent Methodist Deaconess Hospital, member of Rapid City Quarterly Conference.

R. A. Bruce, Conference Evangelist, member of Brookings Quarterly Conference.

Leslie Davis, Conference Evangelist, member of Sioux Falls (First Church) Quarterly Conference.

W. O. Redfield, leave of absence, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

T. B. Wilbur, leave of absence, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

W. N. Graves, leave of absence, member of Vermilion Quarterly Conference.

Scott P. Hauser, Missionary to Chile, South America, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

Martin Thomas, Missionary to Utah, member of Rapid City Quarterly Conference.

Thomas Davies, left without appointment to attend school, member of Claremont Quarterly Conference.

Albert Hartt, Chaplain United States Army, member of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

J. A. Edwards, Field Secretary Woman's Home Missionary Society, member of Pierre Quarterly Conference.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, October 10, 1917.

The thirty-third session of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in First Church, Pierre, S. D., October 10, 1917, at 9:00 a. m., Bishop Charles Bayard Mitchell, D.D. LL.D. presiding.

The Conference united in singing Hymn No. 233. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and the Pastor of the local church, after which the Bishop addressed the Conference.

Roll Call—The secretary of the last Conference called the roll and eighty-three members and eleven probationers responded to their names.

Organization—On motion of G. W. Rosenberry, G. D. Brown was re-elected secretary and on his nomination I. M. Hargett, H. P. Eberhart and F. E. Morrison were elected assistant secretaries.

On motion of G. T. Notson, C. B. Harrold was re-elected statistical secretary and on his nomination F. C. Page, H. W. Bunton, O. E. Machemer, W. P. Slocum and L. W. Darling were elected assistant statisticians.

On motion of R. A. Bruce, J. M. Hunter was re-elected treasurer and on his nomination L. J. Sheldon, S. H. Shurtleff, E. E. Vernon, H. E. Rice and R. E. Rich were elected assistant treasurers.

The time of adjournment was fixed at twelve o'clock noon.

Conference Bar—On motion of J. A. Edwards the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first seven rows of pews of the east side and center sections of the auditorium.

Postmaster—On motion, O. M. Hyde was elected postmaster.

Reporters—On motion of C. E. Matteson, F. E. Morrison was elected reporter to the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

On motion of G. T. Notson, W. T. Loomis was elected reporter to the local papers.

On motion of J. M. Hunter the Conference authorized the pastors to report amounts raised for Army and Navy, Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and war relief causes.

On motion of J. S. Harkness it was ordered that no funds for the Methodist State Hospital building be included in the pastor's reports.

On motion of S. E. Brown the afternoon session for gathering statistics was abandoned and the treasurers and statisticians were authorized to gather them at this session.

On motion of F. H. Ray vouchers for District Superintendents' salary was not required.

Memorial Service—At the Bishop's request and on motion of G. T. Notson the memorial service was changed to Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Question Fourteen—Was the character of each preacher examined, was taken up. P. O. Bunt and J. S. Harkness were called, passed in character and they read their reports.

Draft—The Bishop announced the draft from the Book Concern for \$1,713 and it was placed in the hands of the treasurer.

G. N. Gage was appointed solicitor for the Methodist Review.

Introductions—The Rev. D. P. French, assistant Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of South Dakota, Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, were introduced and they addressed the Conference.

On motion of G. T. Notson the time was extended.

G. T. Notson moved that a committee of ten members on state of the church and country be nominated by the cabinet and presented to the Conference for confirmation and the motion prevailed.

On motion of G. T. Notson a note of sympathy was extended to Mrs. Ida M. Nelson, who was stricken with paralysis last night while assisting in the reception to the members of this Conference, with assurance of our prayers for her speedy recovery.

On motion of W. E. Hartung, S. H. Shurtleff was substituted for E. E. Hunt on the Conference Relations committee.

Transfers In—The Bishop announced the transfers to this Conference of B. H. Lewis from the Oregon Conference, A. A. Halter from the St. Louis Conference, A. B. Foot from the Wyoming Conference, G. T. Osborn from the Northwest Iowa Conference, Gay C. White from the Maine Conference, Gilbert Stansell from the Northern Minnesota Conference, R. W. Plannette from the Wisconsin Conference, and K. P. Kilbourn from the Nebraska Conference, and they were introduced to the Conference.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, October 11, 1917.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M. Thursday, October 11, 1917, with Bishop Mitchell in the chair. After singing, R. A. Bruce led in prayer and the Bishop addressed the Conference.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On motion of J. M. Hunter, H. D. Clark was substituted for S. W. Marble as one of the assistant treasurers.

Draft—The Bishop announced draft from the Board of Conference Claimants for \$400, which was turned over to the treasurer.

Committee on State of the Church—The cabinet nominated the committee on state of the church and country as follows: Gilbert Stansell, A. E. Buriff, J. S. Hoagland, G. T. Notson, W. J. Calfee, A. L. Olson, A. W. Thurston, C. H. Graf, R. E. Tarleton, S. W. Marble.

Roll Call—The names of those not present at the opening session were called and sixteen members responded.

With bowed heads the Conference stood while the secretary called the roll of the deceased members.

On motion of A. E. Carhart the following committee to consider plans for the relief of those who hereafter shall become widows of the preachers of the Conference was appointed: O. E. Boyce, A. E. Carhart, C. V. Gilliland.

On motion of A. E. Buriff the Conference reiterated the action of last year relating to undergraduates and added the following paragraph: Any man who does not complete the Conference course of study within four years after admission into full membership will be requested to locate.

Question Fourteen was resumed. C. E. Matteson, G. W. Rosenberry and W. S. Shepherd were called, passed in character and they read their reports.

Introductions—P. J. Maveety, General Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society, Peter W. Finger, representative of the Commission on Finance, J. P. Jenkins, vice-president Dakota Wesleyan University, and W. D. Schermerhorn, president Dakota Wesleyan University, were introduced and they addressed the Conference.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY

Friday, October 12, 1917.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M. Friday, October 12, 1917, with Bishop Mitchell in the chair. After singing and prayer led by Eugene Allen, the Bishop addressed the Conference.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Question Fourteen was resumed. The effective elders of the conference were called, passed in character and those present gave their reports.

The conference authorized the Bishop to make the following special appointments: J. O. Dobson, Field Agent Cornell College; G. T. Notson, Executive Secretary Methodist State Hospital; E. E. Hunt, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of Idaho; P. H. McBeth, Assistant Superintendent Iowa Anti-Saloon League; J. P. Jenkins, Vice President Dakota Wesleyan University; Samuel Weir, Professor in Simpson College; C. V. Gilliland, Professor Dakota Wesleyan University; A. P. Janes, Chaplain Battle Mountain National Sanitarium; J. T. B. Smith, Editor Publications of Board of Conference Claimants; Scott P. Hauser, Missionary to Chile, South America; R. A. Bruce and Leslie Davis, Conference Evangelists; H. L. Case, Financial Agent Methodist Deaconess Hospital; Martin Thomas, Missionary to Utah.

W. O. Redfield, W. N. Graves and T. B. Wilbur were granted leave of absence for one year.

The conference authorized the Bishop to leave Thomas Davies without appointment to attend school.

Introduction—Dr. Daniel W. Howell, Corresponding Secretary General Deaconess Board, was introduced and he addressed the Conference.

On motion of J. S. Hoagland the Conference host was hereafter excused from participating in the prorating of railway fares.

Transfers In—The Bishop announced the transfers of C. W. Rodgers from the Northwest Iowa Conference, A. A. Ronshausen from the Minnesota Conference, A. N. Courtney, E. P. Hall and W. D. Schermerhorn from the Southwest Kansas Conference and they were introduced.

The Conference authorized the appointment of W. D. Schermerhorn president of Dakota Wesleyan University.

Question Four—Who have been received on their credentials and from what churches was taken up. E. E. Hatfield was received on his credentials from the Free Methodist Church and recognized as an elder.

W. A. Peck was recognized as a local elder on his credentials from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Arthur Rinearson was recognized as a local deacon on his credentials from the Free Methodist Church.

Question Five—Who have been received on trial, was taken up. Fred B. Wilcox, Vere A. Abbey, Wm. C. Leake, Roy E. Graves, Geo. V. Gray, Aldin E. Elsom, Guy P. Wilkinson and Wm. A. Godsave were received on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

Question Six—Who have been continued on trial, was taken up. Leslie Davis was passed in character and continued in the studies of the first year. Garner T. Osborn, Edward I. Prosser, Conway Boatman, G. A. Trodie were passed in character and advanced to the studies of the second year.

H. D. Gough, a full member in the studies of the first year, was advanced to the studies of the second year.

Arthur G. Campbell, Olin W. Rifenbark, C. M. Weirauch, Karl R. Mansveld, W. S. Rowden and J. W. Hartley were discontinued.

Clinton D. Arms, Harry D. Clark, Edward B. Cooney, Charles W. Langdon, were passed in character and continued on trial in the studies of the second year.

Benjamin I. Hubbard, a full member, was continued in the studies of the second year.

A. B. Foot was continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the third year.

The Hon. Peter Norbeck, Governor of South Dakota, was introduced and he addressed the Conference.

Question Eight—Who have been admitted into full membership, was taken up. Chriss C. Hanson and Wm. M. Allan were passed in character, admitted into full membership and elected to deacons' orders.

Albert L. Olson was passed in character, admitted into full membership, graduated from the course of study and elected to elder's orders under the seminary rule.

Question Nine—What members are in the studies of the third year, was taken up. Lloyd H. Rising and Geo. H. Book were passed in character and continued in the studies of the third year.

Benjamin F. Stiles was continued in the studies of the third year and requested to locate next year.

Question Ten—What members are in the studies of the fourth year, was taken up. Harry B. Nash and J. H. Spencer were passed in character and advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Samuel W. Marble was passed in character and continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Perley H. Weston was passed in character, continued in the studies of the fourth year and requested to locate next year.

Question Eleven—What members have completed the course of study, was taken up. Leroy W. Darling, Kingston P. Kilbourn and Henry C. Alley were passed in character, graduated from the course of study and elected to elder's orders.

W. T. Loomis was passed in character and graduated from the course of study.

The Bishop appointed W. D. Schermerhorn and J. S. Hoagland members of the Board of Examiners.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY

Saturday, October 13, 1917.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M. Saturday, October 13, 1917, with Bishop Mitchell in the chair. After singing and prayer the Bishop addressed the Conference.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Question Twenty-three—Who were the supernumerary ministers, was taken up. E. A. Bennett, J. D. Evans, E. E. Holmes, P. J. Lawson, E. E. Saxton, C. M. Stebbins and F. M. Faith were passed in character and continued in the supernumerary relation.

J. R. Payne was passed in character, continued in the supernumerary relation and his case referred to his district superintendent for investigation.

J. E. Norvell and B. F. Stiles were granted the effective relation.

Ernest Redmayne and G. W. Roberts were granted the supernumerary relation.

Question Twenty-four—Who are the retired ministers, was taken up. A. E. Carhart, D. W. Chamberlain, C. B. Clark, G. J. Corwin, E. E. Dean, W. D. Deeble, H. I. Farr, W. I. Graham, W. O. Gram, J. G. Hall, Lewis Hartsough, A. S. Loveall, R. C. McReynolds, O. A. Phillips, Thos. Simmons, J. A. Willey, were passed in character and continued in the retired relation.

C. E. Hager, W. A. Black and M. E. Nickerson were granted the retired relation.

Thos. Simmons, W. A. Black and C. E. Hager addressed the Conference.

On motion of P. O. Bunt the secretary was instructed to send a telegram of sympathy to W. D. Deeble on account of the severe illness of his wife.

On motion of C. V. Gilliland the secretary was instructed to send a message of greeting to D. W. Chamberlain who is deeply afflicted.

On motion of O. E. Boyce the secretary was instructed to send a letter of love and greeting to all the retired ministers.

On motion of W. O. Redfield the secretary was instructed to include in the letter to W. I. Graham an expression of appreciation for relinquishing his claim on the Conference funds.

Question Twenty-five—Who are the triers of appeals, was taken up. L. L. Layne, O. W. Butterfield, R. A. Bruce, F. E. Morrison, John Kaye were elected triers of appeals.

On motion of R. A. Bruce the Board of Stewards was authorized to set aside all but \$1,000 for annuity distribution.

Question Thirty-six—Where shall the next Conference be held, was taken up. H. W. Minish extended a hearty invitation to the Conference to meet at Madison next year which was accepted by vote of the Conference.

Introductions—E. Robb Zaring, Editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, and Miss Minnie Baker, superintendent Dakota Deaconess Hospital of Brookings, S. D., were introduced and they addressed the Conference.

Miss Susie Thompson and Miss Moffit, deaconesses; the Rev. J. F. Troutman of Northwest Iowa Conference; Dr. Geo. B. Dean, representative of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, were introduced to the Conference.

J. O. Dobson came forward and greeted the Conference.

Dr. J. S. Hoagland presented the report of the Methodist State Hospital, and after an address by G. T. Notson the report was adopted.

On motion of P. O. Bunt the title of our church property at Pollock was authorized transferred to the Conference Board of Trustees, and they be given authority to sell said property for \$800, and that the same be applied on the purchase price of the property we are purchasing from the Presbyterian people at Faith.

The motion of P. O. Bunt that the nominations of boards, commissions and committees by the cabinet be elected and printed in the minutes without reading was adopted.

On motion of G. W. Rosenberry the Conference authorized the exchange of the Alcester church for the Tyndall Congregational church. If this exchange cannot be made then upon the sale of the Alcester church the money derived from such sale shall be equally divided between Pioneer Church and East Side Church, Sioux Falls.

At 11:40 A. M. the Lay Association was received by the Conference and was greeted by the Bishop.

On motion of G. T. Notson the time was extended.

The president of the Lay Association was introduced and he addressed the Conference.

G. T. Notson arose to a question of high privilege requesting that Wm. H. H. Fate, the oldest member and official of the church within the bounds of the Conference, be introduced.

Announcements were made and on motion of J. A. Edwards the Conference adjourned to meet at 4:00 P. M. to-day.

The benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY

Afternoon Session

Saturday, October 13, 1917.

Conference convened at 4:00 P. M. Saturday, October 13, 1917, with Bishop Mitchell in the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The class for admission into full membership was called forward and the Bishop asked them the disciplinary questions.

O. E. Boyce submitted the report of the Mortuary Benefit Society, and on his motion S. W. Marble was elected secretary of the society.

On request of C. E. Matteson the Conference granted Dr. F. W. Minty the privilege of the floor and he presented the report of the Methodist Deaconess Hospital of Rapid City, S. D.

Transfers Out—The Bishop announced the transfers of O. W. Taylor to the Wisconsin Conference, T. S. Bassett to the Northwest Iowa Conference, N. A. Christensen to the Oregon Conference, F. F. Lewis to the Wisconsin Conference, M. L. Sunderlin to the Rock River Conference, John Wood to the Southern California Conference, M. T. Habgood to the Nebraska Conference, A. H. Beardsley to the Ohio Conference, W. H. Evans to the Rock River Conference and J. S. Ellis to the Des Moines Conference.

G. C. White presented greetings from Chaplain Hart of the First South Dakota Cavalry regiment and the Conference ordered the secretary to send a message of greeting and appreciation.

Reports from the following committees were read and adopted: Freedmen's Aid Society, Education, State of the Church and Country, Temperance, Conference Deaconess Board, Foreign Missions, Evangelism, Conference Board of Stewards, Memoirs, Treasurer, Statistical Secretary, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Woman's Home and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, Sunday Schools, Epworth League, Finance, Auditing Reports, Sabbath Observance.

On motion of G. T. Notson, the Conference requested the secretary to send to the Associated Press and the State Council of Defense copies of the report of the Committee on the State of the Church and Country.

On motion of C. E. Matteson a collection was taken to defray the expense of printing the memoirs.

Legal Session—On motion of J. S. Harkness the Conference convened in legal session.

On motion of J. S. Harkness the following members of the Conference Board of Trustees were elected by ballot: For three years, J. B. Dibble, R. A. Bruce and O. E. Boyce.

On motion of G. T. Notson the Board of Trustees of the Methodist State Hospital were increased to fifteen and the following elected by ballot: For three years, J. S. Hoagland, S. E. Morris, W. T. McConnell, W. S. Shepherd, and G. T. Notson.

For two years, J. S. Harkness added.

For one year, W. M. McDonald added.

On motion of W. D. Schermerhorn the following trustees of Dakota Wesleyan University were elected by ballot: Class of 1918—H. P. Will in place of Ralph L. Brown resigned. Class of 1921—J. S. Fargo, Gayville; T. E. Gage, Groton; J. P. Jenkins, Mitchell; W. T. Reynolds, Dell Rapids;

On motion of J. S. Harkness the legal session adjourned.

The secretary made a statement of the expense of printing the Conference minutes and made the following motion:

1. That the basis of payment for the Conference minutes be for the year 1917-18 25c per \$100 of the salaries of the pastors and district superintendents exclusive of house rent.

2. That wherever practicable, this item be included in the local church budget as a part of the necessary church expense.

3. That at the quarterly conferences the district superintendents shall ask as a part of the regular business, Have the conference minutes been paid for? which was adopted.

On motion of W. E. Hartung, G. D. Brown and J. M. Hunter were elected publishers of the minutes for 1917.

The Rev. Charles W. Flint, D.D., president of Cornell College, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of S. E. Brown, H. L. Case was elected railway secretary for the ensuing Conference year.

The Rev. Chaney, missionary to South America, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of J. S. Harkness the Commission on Finance was continued for another year.

The Conference voted to approve the minutes without reading.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction of the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY

Sunday, October 14, 1917.

Conference convened at 9:30 P. M. Sunday, October 14, 1917, with Bishop Mitchell in the chair.

On motion of G. W. Rosenberry the Conference voted to accept the 60% of the increase of the collections for Home Missions and Church Extension offered by the Board for use in the conference fields.

On motion of J. S. Hoagland ministers supplying charges in the conference were included in the privileges offered by the Conference Mortuary Benefit Society.

It was moved that after the adoption of the report of the committee on resolutions and the reading of the appointments of the preachers that the Conference adjourn. The motion prevailed.

The resolutions were read and adopted. The Bishop read the appointments of the preachers and led in prayer and the twenty-third session of the Dakota Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

CHARLES BAYARD MITCHELL, Bishop,
GILBERT DAVID BROWN, Secretary.

Certificate of Ordination

This is to certify that at Pierre, S. D., on Sunday, October 14, 1917, upon the election of the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as deacons: William N. Allan, Chriss C. Hanson and William A. Godsave, and at the same time and place I ordained as elders: Albert L. Olson, Leroy W. Darling, Kingston P. Kilbourn, and Henry C. Alley.

CHARLES BAYARD MITCHELL,
Presiding Bishop.

Reports of District Superintendents

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

In bringing to you my second annual report I wish to acknowledge the kindly Providence that has led us through the year and made possible the things spoken of as coming to pass. Not all our plans have been realized; not all that should have been done has been done; but some things in the interests of the Kingdom of God, and for the strengthening of the Church we love have been accomplished, for which we rejoice and face confidently the future.

Personnel

Thirty-six men received appointment on the Aberdeen District at the last session of the Conference. Thirty-one continued throughout the year at the places assigned them, and on five fields changes have taken place.

Rev. O. W. Taylor of Aberdeen, after a successful pastorate of five years, was transferred to the Wisconsin Conference. Rev. Gilbert Stansell of the Northern Minnesota Conference was transferred by Bishop Mitchell and placed in charge of this important center of Methodism, where he is endearing himself to the entire constituency of the church and is increasing in favor, I trust with God, as he is increasing in favor with the people. We welcome him to the fellowship of the Dakota Conference.

Rev. A. C. MacLean was released from the pastorate at Britton and placed in charge of our church at Alexandria. We have been fortunate in securing Rev. C. W. Rogers of the Upper Iowa Conference to take charge of our work at Britton, where he has inspired the church with his optimistic leadership and is unanimously invited to return. We welcome him also to the fellowship of the Conference.

Rev. Albert Hartt, our valued pastor at Redfield, has been appointed Chaplain of the First South Dakota Cavalry Regiment by Governor Norbeck and is now at Fort Deming with the regiment. The Conference loses the services of a valued minister and the fellowship of a splendid brother, but we recognize the greatness of the field into which he has been called. Our prayers will go with him, and may God so strengthen him that he may strengthen the tempted and, if need be, comfort the dying. The pastors and friends of Chaplain Hartt, as a token of esteem and as an evidence of their interest in his work, have sent him a draft for \$100 to assist in purchasing necessary equipment.

Rev. Ernest Redmayne of Frederick left about the holidays for England with his motherless children to secure a home for them with relatives. He has been unable to secure passports for his return and a recent letter requests that he be granted the supernumerary relation.

Frederick has been supplied by Rev. B. S. Burkett and Prof. Brown of the Ellendale Normal.

Rev. J. W. Sweeney, our pastor at Westport, resigned after successfully serving that church for a year and four months. Frank Brokaw, local preacher at Claremont, and Chester Worden, one of our Dakota Wesleyan boys, cared for the work since the resignation of Brother Sweeney.

Ministers and Families

I cannot speak too highly of the splendid body of men who are serving the church and the Kingdom of God on the Aberdeen District. Every man deserves individual mention in this report. Highest commendation could be truthfully given to each one. I am fortunate and happy, indeed, to be associated with them in helping establish the Kingdom of our Lord. I hereby bear grateful testimony to their loyalty and coöperation and their uniform courtesy and consideration, their full measure of reward will not appear until He whom they serve, and whose they are, shall say, "well done." Worthy helpmates of these worthy men are in the parsonage homes and I am everlastingly indebted to them for the open hospitality that has been accorded me. These men and women are serving Christ and the Church, not for the bread that perisheth, but for the salvation of the lost and the strengthening of God's children in the most holy faith. Like their Lord, they have meat to eat of which no man knoweth, unless, likewise, he has been partaker in the feast. My prayer is often for them and theirs, they have helped me more than they will ever know and their sacrificial toil puts me often to shame. May God bless them and use them more and more for the honor of His name.

Three homes have been gladdened and enriched by the visit of the stork. Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Stansell welcomed a boy, a namesake of his father. A new Grace has been added at the parsonage home at Sisseton, to the delight of Brother and Sister Ebert. At the home of Brother and Sister Gray a boy came to complete the family circle.

Ministerial Support

Other sections may have as loyal and appreciative laymen as the Aberdeen District, but I am convinced that no other section will excel in these qualities. After two years of generous increase in ministerial support, twenty quarterly conferences have voted advances for the next year, totaling a little over \$3,000. One other field, through readjustment, will add \$200 to the ministerial support, and if we add the increase in effect through a part of the year at Aberdeen, an increase of \$3,800 will be shared by ministers of the district during the coming year.

Improvements

An unusual experience in church building came to a fitting climax at Lemmon on May 6 when we dedicated our new \$2,500 church in this thriving western town. The material was paid for as it was hauled from the yard. The workmen were paid at the close of the week, and the building was carried forward in this way and had not \$150 been diverted for the purchase of a furnace all bills would have been paid at the time of completion.

Dr. Hoagland, who has proven his worth on many similar occasions, was with us for dedication Sunday, and after an inspiring sermon he appealed for funds to furnish the church, and \$600 was subscribed, enough to purchase pews, pulpit furniture, electric lights and help the Ladies' Aid pay for the piano that had been placed in the church.

At Andover the program of church improvement, started last fall by Pastor Layne and his people, was carried through. A fine new basement was put under the church and equipped for social activities and additional Sunday School room. Not content with remodeling the church, this energetic pastor and official board made an exchange of residence property, and we now have at Andover a well-equipped church and modern parsonage.

At Cresbard the church and parsonage property have been improved; the parsonage has been made fully modern and the church and parsonage painted.

At Aberdeen the church has been carpeted at the expense of \$1,200. Other items of improvement will bring the total to seventeen hundred.

At Webster the basement of the church has been enlarged and finished for social activities.

Minor improvements, totaling twenty-two hundred dollars, have been made at Agar, Conde, Groton, Britton, Northville, Bristol, Bowdle, Ashton, Frankfort, Gettysburg and White Rock.

Debt Paying

A unique experience in debt paying was at Seneca, where a \$1,774 debt looked mountain high to the small group of folk who had the responsibility upon them. A year ago plans were made to pay the obligation, but never reached the serious stage. This spring two men, neither of whom are members of our church, made up their minds that as a matter of community welfare and to put the church where it could minister more efficiently the debt should be paid. Mr. Wells and Mr. Jenson, the men referred to, started a subscription list and secured sixteen one hundred dollar pledges and lesser amounts to a total of \$1,940, enough to pay the indebtedness and to install a new lighting system and purchase an organ. April 22 was a red-letter day with Pastor Strong and the friends at Seneca. At the morning service, after a sermon by the Superintendent, a statement by the chairman of the board of trustees, the old mortgage was burned while the congregation united in singing the doxology.

At Leola a troublesome debt of \$862 has been paid and our property here freed from incumbrance.

At Selby this year we made the first payment on a debt of \$5,500 that has been standing since the day of dedication. Seven hundred and fifty dollars was paid on the principal and interest paid to that date.

At Gettysburg \$400 has been paid on the debt and interest to January 1, 1918.

Pollock Church

The last notice of the Pollock appointment found in the Conference minutes is in the year book of 1908, where it appears with Herreid as the Herreid and Pollock charge. Since then we have had no services

there and our church building has been unused. I have taken up the question of the sale of this property with the German Lutherans and arrangements have been made to sell the property to them for \$800. The money is on deposit with the State Bank at Pollock, and the Conference will be asked to authorize this sale and instruct the Conference Board of Trustees to transfer the property.

New Fields

To the west of Aberdeen the district stretches out for two hundred miles until it reaches its western limit at Lemmon. In this vast section, thousands of square miles in extent, are many Methodist reared and trained folk and they are asking that Methodism be true to its history and the commission given it, and that we match the heroism and hardihood of the settler with the heroism and hardihood of the messengers of the King. Unless Methodism has lost something of its passion for conquest and its young men and women something of heroic element of service, these great open prairies will call with compelling voice, "Come over and help us." In a territory between eight and ten thousand square miles in extent J. N. Oakley has been our sole representative, where he traveled over three hundred miles for one round trip of his circuit. I trust that in the near future two others will join him on this western battle line.

At Faith, which is the terminus of the Mobridge-Faith line of the C. M. & St. P., there has been a federated church under the supervision of the Presbyterians. The federation has not been a success and Pastor Davis and Superintendent Butts of the Presbyterian church advised the people to become identified with some denominational body, preferably, of course, the Presbyterian; but agreeing that if the federation dissolved and voted to organize a Methodist church they would recommend to the Presbyterian board that the property, consisting of a church, 26x34 feet, and a two-story parsonage, 24x28 feet, should be turned over to the Methodists on the payment of \$1,200, the amount put into the property by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. After consulting Bishop Mitchell, I wrote our Methodist friends that if the federation was dissolved and a Methodist church organized we would find money to take over the property. Since that time the congregation met and voted to dissolve the federation and organize a Methodist church. A board of trustees has been appointed and articles of incorporation taken out, and the transfer of the property will soon be effected. Faith has a population of four hundred and is the distributing center for thirty-two inland towns. People come here from a distance of sixty miles to trade. With the only English-speaking Protestant church in the community, we have a large opportunity for service.

Mound City and Herreid

Another new field for the coming year is at Mound City and Herreid. Mound City has been an appointment on the Selby charge, but this year Herreid, seven miles north of Mound City, desires that English-speaking services be established in their town, and in union with Mound City are asking the Conference to put Mound City and Herreid on the list of appointments and send them a minister.

Conventions and Institutes

Our district conference met at Redfield on April 23 and 24 and was followed by a joint Sunday School institute of the Aberdeen and Watertown Districts under the direction of our Sunday School Board with Mr. H. C. Wilson, Mr. A. A. Brown, and Mrs. Morehouse as the experts in charge. Our district conference was opened with an evening session and Rev. Gilbert Stansell of the Aberdeen church preached a stirring sermon and called ministers and laymen to be true to the fundamental truths of our holy religion. The sessions on Tuesday morning were largely taken up with the business interests of the district. On Tuesday afternoon and evening and on Wednesday forenoon and afternoon a large representation of ministers and laymen from the two districts listened to as fine Sunday School instruction as has been our privilege to hear. Ministers and laymen were enthusiastic in praise of the institute.

Epworth League Convention

The district Epworth League Convention at Northville was a decided success both as to attendance and program. Seventy-one delegates were in attendance from outside Northville and with the fine support given by the local League every service was well attended. President Schermerhorn of the Dakota Wesleyan, Rev. Gilbert Stansell of Aberdeen, and Rev. A. E. Buriff of Milbank were the special speakers who instructed and inspired our young people. Part of the program was in the hands of the Leaguers and excellent papers were presented by the young people. One of the concrete things to result from the convention was an offering of \$60 for the work of Rev. Harry Weak, one of our Dakota Wesleyan representatives in India.

Evangelism

No organization can long endure which does not gather to itself new recruits, and no organization will commend itself to people which does not grow stronger with the advancing year. This is true of the church and when the church ceases to sound the Evangelistic note or neglects the definite Evangelic program it neglects the agency that has added thousands to its membership and multiplied its strength. The gospel, as God's message to sinful men, has been urged by precept and, as far as in me lies, by example on the men and churches of the district. It has been my great privilege to see about a score of penitents at the altar of the church as I have held the regular quarterly meetings. Nothing in my work has given me greater joy than this evidence of God's presence.

The pastors have been abundant in labors and for the most part have conducted their own special meetings, in some places alone, and at others with the assistance of neighboring brethren. Special evangelists assisted Brothers Rich at Bath, Habgood at Mellette, Parrott at White Rock, Ebert at Sisseton and Shearer at Doland, where good results were obtained.

At Groton a union meeting of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Evangelical churches stirred the community. Our Methodist people shared largely in the labor and also in the results of the campaign. The

pastors held meetings at Aberdeen, Agar, Andover, Bowdle, Claremont, Corona, Cresbard; De Voe, Frankfort, Frederick, Hecla, Langford, Northville, Seneca, Waubay, Webster and Westport. Four hundred and thirty conversions were reported, three hundred and fifty baptisms and four hundred and seventy-one accessions.

Benevolences

Many appeals have been before the people as the result of war conditions and there has been generous response to the canvass that has reached practically the entire communities. After the large sums that were collected one began to wonder what would be the result on church benevolences. From the reports that have come in it looks as though it would be a banner year. Nineteen charges have reported that every benevolence will be in full. Others have reported increase in the collections, and no charge, I think, will fail to bring a substantial offering.

Women's Work

Red Cross activities have made heavy demands on the time and strength of our women, but the work of the church has not been neglected. The Ladies' Aid societies and the Missionary societies have gathered amounts that are surprisingly large and they are laboring with a zeal and devotion that is unequaled.

For whatever measure of success that has attended the work of the year, I thank God; for its failures I ask forgiveness and the charity of my brethren. I am grateful for a place in our Methodist brotherhood and a share in making known the Name that is above every name, and pledge anew my loyalty and service to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

PIERCE O. BUNT.

MITCHELL DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

We are compelled to report that the shadows have fallen upon some of our parsonage homes. In some cases members of the pastor's family have been severely afflicted, and into some of our families death has been permitted to enter. In the list of the members of our Conference who have been promoted from the Church militant to the Church triumphant are the names of two from the Mitchell District this year and two of our pastors' wives. Rev. A. E. Tanner, one of our veterans, died at his home in Mitchell early in the Conference year. Rev. W. T. Ferguson, pastor at Mt. Vernon, after an illness of several months joined the innumerable company April 22.

Mrs. J. S. Hoagland, after being confined to her home for two months, quietly left us one morning to be with her Lord.

Mrs. John Kaye, after an illness of less than a week, quietly bade her loved ones farewell, and entered into rest.

Joy Shurtleff, early in January, was transplanted to blossom in the better world.

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Redfield, Mrs. W. T. Ferguson and Rev. W. T. Wilbur have had hospital experiences, all have made good recoveries.

To follow such a man as my predecessor, Dr. W. S. Shepherd, who had devoted himself untiringly to the work of the District, and by the strength of his ministry and genial brotherly love and Christian manhood, had so greatly endeared himself to the District was no small task. I am greatly indebted to him for his valuable assistance rendered during the year.

Notwithstanding the loss occasioned by his going I have to acknowledge my gratitude to the brethren, both of the ministry and laity for their hearty coöperation and many kindnesses.

Immediately after Conference it seemed necessary to make some adjustments. The Rev. W. E. Gale was appointed to Artesian, and Rev. S. F. Spitz to Lane and Viola. Later Rev. H. D. Seastrand went to Bruce and Rev. K. P. Kilbourn of the Nebraska Conference was secured for Gregory. Rev. T. C. Coombs drifted away from Winner, leaving the people in great sorrow and distress. Rev. W. F. Methers was secured to fill the vacancy. Rev. T. S. Bassett returned to his old Conference in Iowa, and Rev. A. C. MacLean was appointed to Alexandria. The wisdom of this appointment is evident as he is invited to return at a salary of eighteen hundred (\$1,800) dollars. Rev. W. A. Godsave came from Evanston to Mt. Vernon supplying the work made vacant by the death of Rev. W. T. Ferguson. Rev. J. W. Lucas, to make residence on his farm, was transferred to the Rapid City District, and Rev. A. E. Elson was appointed to Springfield, where he has done good work.

All of the other appointments have remained as made at Conference, and in every instance the pastors have labored most faithfully to build up the Kingdom and serve the community needs.

Church Building and Improvements

The Fairview Church, which was moved from Riverside, was formally opened on November 12. This is a substantial property located in a splendid community and offers a large field for service.

On November 25 the Alpena Church was reopened, having undergone extensive repairs—an addition to the church and a basement fully equipped. This gives Alpena a church building adequate to the needs of the community and growing congregation. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Hughes, to whom great credit is due for this achievement, was ably assisted by Dr. Hoagland and Rev. Bruce on the day of reopening.

On December 2 the Paxton Church was dedicated by Bishop Chas. B. Mitchell. This is a modest little church on the Rosebud, possibly the smallest a Methodist Bishop ever dedicated, but it ministers to a large community of loyal people. The day was ideal and a good congregation greeted the Bishop. His splendid sermon and sacrifice of time and strength in the midst of arduous tasks were greatly appreciated, and as a mark of our appreciation we extend to him a most cordial invitation to return to the Rosebud of his area and see how it has blossomed as a result of his former visit. The Bishop lectured at Dallas Saturday evening and preached to a large audience at Gregory on Sunday evening.

The church at Lakeview was dedicated Easter Sunday, more than enough money was secured to meet all obligations. A new piano has recently been purchased. The Rev. J. T. Gurney is the efficient and much loved pastor.

The Gregory Church has put in a full basement and built a splendid addition at a cost of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars.

At Fairmont, on the same charge, a new church is being built with full basement at a cost of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars. The Rev. K. P. Kilbourn is the pastor who has led the people in this work and is invited to return at a salary of fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars. Salary last year was eight hundred (\$800) dollars. This church has a new system of finance introduced by Wm. Ford, (no relation to Henry) by which subscriptions are taken in bank checks dated the first of each month.

The church at Fairfax is being moved to St. Charles and a full basement installed.

Cuthbert is building a new church, a monument to the devotion and sacrifice and faith of the pastor, Rev. W. N. Potter.

A new church will be built at Burke, the county seat of Gregory. This is a new field into which we entered by invitation this year. A church was organized by Rev. A. L. Wilson, funds are on hand to give a good support to a resident pastor and we have promise of the best church building on the Rosebud.

A new parsonage has been built at Winner, making this one of the greatest opportunities of the Conference, a most inviting field full of promise for great things.

A parsonage has been built at Farwell where we now have a resident pastor ministering to a country church in the midst of a prosperous farming community of American people.

The parsonage at Geddes has been enlarged and made modern under the leadership of their popular pastor, Rev. C. S. Lyles, who is invited back at a salary of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500) dollars.

The Tyndall church has been tastefully decorated and a new furnace installed. Improvements on church property have been made at Mitchell, Chamberlain, Plankinton, Alexandria, Armour, Rockcreek, Ethan, Kimball and Platte.

Armour and Rockcreek have cancelled their debts.

Evangelism

The preëminent aim of the church of Jesus Christ must always be Evangelism. Any emphasis, ancient or modern, which is contrary to the spirit of this statement fails to do justice to the teachings of Jesus and His apostles. It matters not how much of material and financial advancement has been secured, the real test of Church movements must be determined according to spiritual achievements that have been obtained. If we lose religiously we will soon have a decadent church on our hands, and as soon as decay sets in death is not far removed. We must have a living, vital, progressive, productive, evangelistic church.

We need new demonstrations in each community that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto the salvation of every one that believeth, no matter how hardened his condition may be, new demonstrations of the power of the Holy Spirit, showing that he is just as able to shake mightily whole communities to-day as in the days of Peter and John, new demonstrations that the Word of God is the Word of God,

that it has dynamic power, that its truth sets men free, new demonstrations that prayer is still able to remove mountains and that faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Such efforts have been made at Mitchell, Woonsocket, Plankinton, Lane, Winner, Dallas, Colome, Gregory, Herrick, St. Charles, Paxton, Platte, Chamberlain, White Lake, Roswell, Rockcreek, Farwell, Wagner and Wessington Springs with varied and rather meager results.

Sunday School and League Work

With due regard and consideration for all other agencies it can with truth be said that these are agencies best equipped of all for the Christian conquest. They have not only quantity but quality. The largest Sunday School and Epworth League of the state are to be found on this district. Some League Chapters are doing good work but the district needs to be reorganized. The Sunday Schools are doing efficient work. Our own supplies are being used and the schools are being standardized. The Sunday School Institute, held under the efficient leaders sent by the Sunday School Board, was thoroughly enjoyed and proved very profitable to those in attendance.

Women's Societies

The Woman's Home, and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies are most valuable factors in our work, auxiliaries are organized in many charges.

The Society of King's Heralds of the Mitchell church is the banner society of the Minneapolis Branch. These women in their work have the vision of world service, too many of our churches are purely local in the view of the kingdom.

The Ladies' Aid Societies abound in good works and it is difficult to see how we could do without their assistance.

The Country Church

A grave danger confronts us in conditions to-day which seriously affect the little country church. The increasing disposition on the part of Christian people to convert the Sabbath into a day of pleasure and recreation, made easy by modern methods of transportation, imperil the very foundations of the Christian church.

The new country church must be rurally socialized, must have a spiritual vision for its country flock, must possess adequate physical equipment, must teach in terms of farm experience and, most important of all, it must be supplied with a specially trained leadership. The country church must furnish the moral dynamic to community progress. If the church does not furnish this, there will be little or no progress toward a better or more satisfying life in the country. True and permanent development in the life of the country depends, in the last analysis, upon a Christian people on the soil of America. The rank and file of the men and women, who to-morrow will mold the world's thought and turn the wheels of progress onward, are to be found to-day on the farms. These country appointments need the contact, acquaintance and fellowship, growing out of mutual dependence, of common

interest, of united endeavor. Such a movement provides an exceptional opportunity to enlist our laymen in a great work commensurate with their ability.

Benevolences

The benevolences have been presented and the claims urged on every charge, and while large sums have been contributed to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and War Relief work, the showing this year promises a marked increase along all lines, on all charges. Platte, White Lake, Mt. Vernon, Farwell and Fulton, Wessington Springs and Mitchell are on the Honor Roll. The Conference is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crowell, formerly of Plankinton, now of Michigan, who gave to us this year an estate note and will for one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars for the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund.

Dakota Wesleyan

Dakota Wesleyan had a profitable year. Harmony has prevailed between the faculty and student body. The work of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. is said to have been of the highest grade. The contribution made by the faculty and students to the War Relief Fund was over eighteen hundred (\$1,800) dollars, the largest contribution made by any college of equal size. Two hundred (\$200) dollars was also contributed for a library fund for the army.

Great credit is due Dr. C. V. Gilliland, acting president, for his capable and wise administration. The work of the new year starts favorably, with a good attendance considering the heavy draft made on our boys for the army. Dakota Wesleyan has done her bit.

The Officers' Training Camp at Fort Snelling took a number of former Wesleyan leaders. In the first school one received a Captain's commission and two Second Lieutenant's. At the second school, now in session, Wesleyan is represented by eight men. Two received Captain's commissions as a result of their work on the border and are now in France.

Company F has claimed two sergeants, one corporal and three privates.

Troop E, two sergeants, one corporal and seven privates. Two are in the navy and one in the aerial service. Others are represented in different companies. Carl Harvey, one of our preachers, waived all claim of exemption and answered last week to the draft. Three of our parsonage homes have given their sons: William Kaye, Paul Darling, Willis Egner, Alfred B. Notson and Ira L. Jones. The Mitchell church gave forty-five of her boys. May God protect them and bring them back again.

It is said that "distance lends enchantment to the view," but after a year's acquaintance with Dakota Wesleyan at close range I must admit it has won my heart. I have traveled over the state somewhat and when I meet the splendid type of young manhood and womanhood who have gone out from Dakota Wesleyan I am proud of her record. The future is bright with promise; we believe that God has given to us in Dr. W. Schermerhorn the man for the place. He is assisted in his work by a splendid faculty of Christian men and women. Let us give them our loyal support and boost for a larger and greater Wesleyan. Here are the types out of which conquerors are always made. Here you find

the abandon, the courage, the imagination essential to high achievement. It is the age of vision and dream. The tasks of the world have been wrought out through youth, the wars of the world have been fought by boys in, or barely out, of their teens. If we are faithful to the duty and privilege of this hour and this day, the time will not be far distant when we will have trained up and sent out into the world a generation of high-souled, stout-hearted, generous young folk, who will girdle the world with a song of gladness; they will walk across it with the step of conquest; they will lift it up in the arms of their faith, love and prayer, swing it in its divinely appointed orbit and ultimately "bind it with chains of gold about the feet of God."

Hospital

The Methodist State Hospital is nearing completion and within a few months will swing open its doors in its ministry of healing. Every Methodist of the state will have cause to be justly proud of this great institution. It is a substantial modern fireproof building, located west of the college grounds, on a commanding site overlooking the city.

It is difficult to estimate the valuable services of the Executive Secretary, Dr. G. T. Notson, in his work in connection with this great enterprise. He has thoroughly posted himself in all the details of hospital building and equipment. He should have the most loyal support of the entire Conference in his effort to secure the needed funds to complete and equip this building. Who can estimate the value this institution is to be to suffering humanity in years to come?

In attempting to sum up the work of the district during this Conference year, I know that any estimate I can make will fall far short of describing the real accomplishments. Here are efforts, the worth of which we cannot calculate, splendid achievements of character, and broad, deep currents of rich spiritual truth bearing forward triumphantly which I cannot measure. There is much that might be said of efforts and sacrifices and uncomplaining loyalty on the part of men who have had hard fields and plenty of discouragements and yet have gone forward unflinchingly in the prosecution of the work committed to their hands. The heroes are not all in the trenches. Only in the records of Him who knoweth all things can the true estimate of their significance and worth be found.

JAS. S. HARKNESS.

RAPID CITY DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

In presenting my fourth annual report to the Dakota Conference I would record my deepest gratitude and thankfulness to God for His preserving care and sustaining grace; and to my brethren of the ministry and laity for the fine spirit of coöperation in the things of the Kingdom and the church we love.

Personal Notation

With the exception of the Rev. G. T. Mathews, who received a nominal appointment at Piedmont and later entered the ministry of the Congre-

gational church, the twenty-five pastors appointed by Bishop Mitchell, at Watertown to Rapid City District, went cheerfully to the work.

In February, because of complications arising on the circuit, the pastor, the Rev. H. L. Williams, was permanently relieved of Prescho and Crane schoolhouse, but continued for the year at Vivian.

The Rev. Garner Osborn, a probationer in the Northwest Iowa Conference, came with his bride to the pastorate at Prescho. They are most highly regarded by the church and citizens.

We secured Rev. J. W. Weston, a local preacher in our church, as supply for a short time at Terry in early winter, but they have since been without regular peaching.

In July A. W. Ownby, serving as supply at Sturgis, left that pastorate and the state under considerable of a cloud. His estimable family remains at Sturgis.

The Rev. G. C. Ralston, a young man from Kansas, came with wife to take the pastorate at Sturgis. God has been with them and abundant evidences appear of their acceptability among the good people of Sturgis.

The Rev. J. W. Lucas, member of this Conference, who has been occupying his farm on this district for several months, has rendered most satisfactory service, supplying, as the district superintendent had need, both at Piedmont and Sturgis.

The Rev. S. M. Davis, one of our local preachers, an elderly man, finding that both the Methodists and Congregationalists had discontinued all services at Keystone, moved to that village, revived a Sunday School and started a vigorous campaign along all moral and religious lines. The people wish him to continue for the coming year.

The brothers, C. E. and S. C. Cadle, with the consent of the District Superintendent and their respective quarterly conferences at Newall, Wall and Quinn, returned to Asbury College early in September to resume their studies. These churches have had no pastors since.

Because of serious ill health our beloved brother, Dr. C. E. Hager, was obliged to discontinue his pastorate at Kennebec in early winter, and with Mrs. Hager seek a more congenial climate in Florida. He returned to his work in early spring much improved, but is still far from being in good health. The devoted parishioners during his absence supplied the pulpit largely from among their own members. Nothing is too good for them to do for their pastor and his wife.

Improvements—Debts

One year ago we reported that our people at Ottumwa, an interior point eighteen miles from railway, had sold the store building used as a church and that the pastor, the Rev. C. M. Weirauch, was busy securing funds for a new church. On August 5 the dedication took place of a beautiful little church, size 24x36 feet, and costing about \$1,400. The pastor and District Superintendent held morning and afternoon services, received in cash and good subscriptions the \$500 needed to complete the building charges, and amid general rejoicing, in the name of Christ and Methodism, dedicated the fine little house to the worship of Almighty God. Brother Weirauch has done good work, the people are united, and the future is full of promise.

At Camp Crook, county seat of Harding county, in May we took over the Baptist Church, agreeing to pay the Baptist Church Extension Society \$600, which they accept in full settlement of their claim.

The Rev. A. G. Campbell, our pastor at Harding, has already taken possession, organized a flourishing Sunday School, Epworth League and general work. We shall ask our Church Extension Society for \$200, and expect to raise the balance from the field. This is the only Protestant church in the community and is easily worth \$1,800.

At Draper the pastor, the Rev. B. I. Hubbard, has led his trustees in the purchase of a good parsonage property costing \$1,150. We have possession, have made the initial payment of \$150 and the canvass is on to complete the payments.

We are happy to report a new parsonage at Reliance, valued at \$1,600. The pastor and wife have moved in and are "at home" to their numerous parishioners. Brother McFarland and his Board of Trustees have labored faithfully and are rejoicing together.

At Presho, where it was becoming increasingly difficult to rent suitable houses, our trustees, under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Garner Osborn, have purchased an excellent parsonage at \$1,300. Of this amount \$650 has been paid, the balance will be carried for the present.

We have sold one of our two church properties at Wall for \$1,000 cash and are completing plans for the building of a new parsonage. This congregation was served by our pastor from Quinn last year, but are asking for a minister to live at Wall the coming year.

At White River, county seat of Mellett county, there was a large movement last spring looking to the resumption of Methodist services. They called Brother H. W. Bunton, pastor at Murdo, to advise with them. He found they had elected trustees and stewards, organized a Methodist Episcopal Sunday School with about fifty members, changed the Ladies' Aid into a Methodist society. When they called the District Superintendent for quarterly conference, he found thirty-eight charter members of the Methodist Episcopal church and that they had secured lots for a new church. Since that they have purchased a small house for parsonage, and all this without an appointed minister. I have secured a young man from California for their pastor for the coming year. Himself and wife are at the seat of this Conference. May God grant great grace to pastor and people at White River.

Other items of improvements and debts paid are grouped together as follows: Belle Fourche, \$134; Creston, \$122; Custer, \$150; Deadwood, \$706; Edgemont, \$43; Harding, \$50; Hot Springs, \$35; Kennebec, \$303; Lead, \$657; Midland, \$350; Murdo, \$750; Newell, \$319; Oelrichs, \$35; Oral, \$154; Philip, \$124; Quinn, \$40; Spearfish, \$120; Sturgis, \$12.

The Societies

Much educational and inspirational help was realized by securing the splendidly efficient company of workers sent to us by our Board of Sunday Schools, Chicago. The Rev. Drs. Arlo A. Brown, Harry C. Wilson, and Mrs. Morehouse gave us a week, holding Sub-District Institutes at Deadwood, Rapid City, Hot Springs and Murdo. The institutes were followed at once by successful efforts at further organ-

ization, looking to greater efficiency in every department of the Sunday Schools. Sunday School enrollment is increasing.

Under the leadership of the District President, the Rev. F. E. Morrison—who is a past master of the art—Epworth League conventions were held at Sturgis and Murdo. Dr. Wm. D. Schermerhorn, President of Dakota Wesleyan, gave us large help at Sturgis. Dr. Schermerhorn won with us. He has the right spirit and ideals for our young people. Let our pastors pay good heed to the children and young people of the Sunday School and Epworth League, for they are, as always, the hope of the future. To fail here is to fail as a desirable minister of the Methodist church.

We have a few Junior Leagues doing good work. Some of our pastors have organized "Classes for Religious Instruction" instead. It takes consecrated talent to carry these classes, but results are happy.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies have held no district gatherings this year, but the local work has been well maintained. Plans are maturing for larger things next year.

The Ladies' Aid societies have more than met our expectations this year. In the churches large and small they are the centers of strength, not only financially but to a marked degree, socially and religiously.

Benevolences

Last year the aggregate was considerably above any year of the last five, and this year will mark a further advance. We are still troubled by having other matters crowd our benevolent collections down toward the end of the year, which always spells loss.

The Hospital

Marked advance will be noted in the hospital report over any previous year. The demands for increased equipment and facilities to meet the increasing requirements for service often test our faith, while it rejoices our hearts.

Last year we treated 460 patients, this year 740, of which 633 were operative. Earnings last year, \$13,354, this year \$24,000. Complimentary free and discount cases were: For our ministers' families, twenty weeks and three days, and including fourteen persons. Value, \$667. Ministers of other denominations, \$498. Discount cases, \$435. Free work, \$784. Total, \$2,656.

Child births, 37. Last year we had 11 nurses in training, now 18. Invoiced value of hospital and furnishings, \$34,800. An ideal nurses' home has been purchased at \$7,100. Other resources are \$5,000. A total of more than \$46,000. This does not include more than \$12,000 subscriptions outstanding.

These statistics are suggestive and illuminating, but they cannot tell the story of the consecration, prayer and personal effort of our devoted Superintendent, Miss Elva L. Wade, and her corps of nurses. We have introduced the eight-hour system with marked success. The Rev. W. E. Hartung, our genial field secretary, has won hosts of friends to our institution, besides the thousands of dollars secured.

Moral and Religious

Revival services were planned by nearly every minister, but while the meetings were usually held, the severe winter weather greatly interfered with attendance and results, particularly in the thinly-settled communities. However, the careful gleanings by the pastors resulted in conversions, or accessions to equal or exceed last year, and are reported as follows: Belle Fourche, 20; Fairburn, 3; Custer, 4; Deadwood, 24; Draper, 19; Hot Springs, 30; Kennebec, 12; Lead, 25; Midland, 16; Murdo, 50; Nowlin, 16; Oral, 6; Philip, 20; Presho, 10; Rapid City, 53; Reliance, . . . ; Spearfish, 30; White River, 38.

Bishop, the faithful and patient work of the brethren of Rapid City District, deserve a richer eulogy and better record than these few lines, but I am fully persuaded that such is kept—and higher—undimmed by the dust of earthly conflict, by the One who some day shall say, "Well done, good and faithful . . . enter into the joys of thy Lord."

Ministers' Families

Our parsonage families have been blessed with good health usually. No deaths have occurred. Rev. L. F. Gillespie, Mrs. Gillespie and son have taken treatment at the hospital, as did the son and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ownby. Rev. P. H. Weston and daughter have had minor operations. Also Mrs. R. J. Eling, the wife of our pastor at Philip. Mrs. Weirauch, wife of Rev. C. M. Weirauch, and Mrs. Hartley, wife of Rev. J. W. Hartley, submitted to very serious operations. Both are making good recoveries. A beautiful little girl came to bless the home of Rev. and Mrs. B. I. Hubbard. Mrs. Hubbard received service at the hospital.

The aged mother of Brother H. L. Case, after weary months of waiting, was called to the beautiful country where the "inhabitants never say 'I am sick.'" Mrs. Matteson is now in Michigan, called by the fatal illness of her mother. Paul and Warren, sons of the Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Calfee, have "joined the colors," and the parsonage at Lead is lonely.

Personal

Bishop Mitchell came to us May 9-11 to assist in the new church enterprise at Rapid City. He gave us two great addresses and did all his work well. The church is still a little in the future, but will materialize. Mrs. Mitchell accompanied her husband, to the delight of our people, and particularly of the ladies.

Bishop and brethren, I bring you greetings from the two of our retired "Soldiers of the Cross"—the Rev. R. C. McReynolds and Dr. C. B. Clark. Brother McReynolds has been doing a little work, but later in the year has been very ill. Dr. Clark in manhood's vigor was the "silver-tongued," but in age cheerful, patient, hopeful, confident—his is the "heart of gold."

In this year I have traveled nearly 15,000 miles, have missed no appointment because of illness, and only two Sabbath dates because of snow blockade. I have preached the gospel to the best of my ability, and trust I have assisted some into the Kingdom.

God has been good to me and mine. I am debtor, forever, to pastors and people for unfailing kindness.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MATTESON.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

Dear Bishop Mitchell and Brethren of the Dakota Conference:

Sioux Falls District, the garden spot of the world, has completed another year of very creditable work as we believe the reports to this Conference will show.

Appointments

Only three readjustments have been made as to pastors during the year—on November 9, Brother C. E. McDonald, after a few days' illness, caused by blood poisoning, went away to be with God. A wife, son and a stricken church have mourned his going.

E. F. Kurtz, of Creston, Iowa, was then secured as pastor for the Montrose church and has proven himself to be a worthy successor to Brother McDonald.

N. A. Christiansen, of Egan, was in the winter ordered by his physician to seek a milder clime, and June first he exchanged fields with Brother B. H. Lewis, of Lake View, Oregon.

Junius was served by Henry Aude as a supply the first eight months of the year, when he stepped aside because of lack of financial support, and Brother Minish, of Madison, gave this point an afternoon service for the balance of the year. All other pastors have been at their posts throughout the year and have done faithful, conscientious work.

Visible Results

The church and parsonage building and improvement campaign that has been on in this district for five years, and is still with us, has resulted in seven new churches erected at a cost of \$140,000; six new modern parsonages costing \$22,000; nine rebuilt churches at a cost of \$25,000; seven rebuilt and improved parsonages, \$3,500, or a total of \$190,000, making an average of \$38,000 a year for five years that this district has spent that proper plants for strong religious work might take the place of old, outworn buildings that hindered rather than helped the cause of Christ. Without a single exception every new church erected or modern parsonage built has marked the beginning of a strong forward movement, pastors' salaries have increased, larger congregations, more money for the great benevolent interests of the church, more people saved, and a general community interest in the church. The most striking instance of the truth of these statements can be found by a survey of the work at Irene. For many years Irene was an outpost to the Wakonda charge, worshipping in a small church building of one room and struggling hard to raise \$200 for pastor's salary, and now in less than two years from the dedication of a \$9,000 church we have a membership of sixty-eight, a Bible School of close to one hundred persons each Sabbath; they pay \$1,000 for pastor's salary and are just now completing a fine parsonage costing \$3,000. Surely S. B. Lowrie, the pastor, is a wise, consecrated and able leader in the work of the church in this community. J. B. Dibble during a splendid pastorate of four years at Beresford has seen a \$17,000 church building erected, the same nearly paid for, salary increased to \$1,350 for next year, and this church become one of the strongest religious centers to-day in the Conference,

a church in which eighty per cent of the Christian families observe family worship.

First Church, Sioux Falls, has added more than three hundred new members and increased the pastor's salary \$800 since the erection of their new building. The new East Side church proposition has been a bulb of slower development, but with such husbandmen as W. N. Deller, the former pastor, and S. E. Brown now on the field in charge, this bulb is gradually developing and ere long will bloom and there will be a great church on the East Side. Likewise Vilas, Volin and Ellis, with their new churches, are putting on new strength and are doing their bit toward helping to make this a very desirable district for both preachers and superintendent.

Colman is building a new church which will be ready for dedication about December first and will represent an ideal building for a small town at a cost of about \$5,000.

C. H. Graf has had another splendid year at Hartford, salary \$1,500, membership increased, benevolences in full, and there is a unanimous demand for his return for the fifth year. In that same class of men who are both good preachers and good pastors walk: A. W. Thurston, of Canton; W. N. Deller, of Flandreau; W. P. Slocum, of Hurley; L. A. MacDonald, of Howard; Dr. Eugene Allen, of Sioux Falls; Nels Fanebust, of Parker, and S. E. Brown, of East Side, Sioux Falls. Other men who have done splendid work are: H. P. Eberhart, of Yankton; O. M. Freeman, of Valley Springs, Benclare, Rowena; C. W. Langdon, of Scotland, and F. H. Ray, of Salem.

Still others not yet mentioned who have had real success in their work this year are: H. W. Minish, of Madison; R. P. Harmon, of Hudson and Fairview; L. F. Brown, of Harrisburg, Prairie Grove and Shindler; H. E. Rice, of Gayville and Volin; I. P. Potter, of Garretson; G. N. Gage, of Elk Point; W. A. Black, of Dell Rapids; N. P. Johnson, of Davis; Frank Tanner, of Chester; O. P. Jackson, of Canistota, and D. C. Arms, our veteran local preacher, who has just completed his twenty-second year as pastor of Flandreau Circuit.

The Rural Church

One year ago we determined to take hold of the rural church problem in earnest on this district. We chose Pioneer, an unorganized point, with a union church building which up to that time had not paid more than \$200 for pastoral support, but which was situated in the midst of a large farming community, as the head of this new charge, with Mt. Zion, another country point paying \$300, as the second preaching place. W. S. Rowden was appointed to this field by Bishop Mitchell and he straightway took his family and settled in a farmhouse among his people at a distance of eight miles from the nearest town, and went to work. The Pioneer end of this charge supported in a splendid manner both morning and evening preaching services on the Sabbath, has had a Sunday School of one hundred members, has provided a home for the pastor and has paid \$900 on salary for the year, and next year desires to have a pastor devote all his time to this one great field. This seems to be an ideal field in which to build up a great work, and I would like to call the

attention of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to this great field of opportunity for real rural work, and Brother Rowden is an ideal man for pastor of this field.

The Sunday School

The Sunday School work on the district is making rapid progress as to attendance and effectiveness. Our great need is well-trained teachers, and there is good promise now that this need will soon be met through the Teacher Training Class. Frank Thompson, an able layman, is now superintendent of this work on the district and is giving much of his time to the task, and many classes are being organized.

The Epworth League •

The League work is in a healthy state on most charges. We note that there is a feeling abroad that this organization is for YOUNG people and that those who have had League training for some years are taking up other lines of work and are giving place in the League to the younger people, who in their turn need this training.

Benevolences

The multiplicity of calls for war purposes have in some measure interfered with the raising of our regular benevolences, yet we are confident there will be a good increase over last year for most causes. Dr. Eugene Allen, of First Church, Sioux Falls, will bring up \$600 more for benevolences this year than ever before given by this great church.

While the Episcopal fund fell short some two or three hundred dollars last year in the Conference, yet this district overpaid its apportionment to the amount of \$55, and we think we will do fully that well again this year.

Salaries

If there is to be a deficiency in any pastor's salary this year we have not yet heard of it and we sincerely hope there will be none.

There will be an increase of salary next year at the following points: Beresford, \$150; Colman, \$100; Colton, \$350; Howard, \$100; Hurley, \$200; Ellis, \$200; Madison, \$100; Pioneer, \$100; Salem, \$200; Scotland, \$100; Wakonda, \$200; Parker, \$100, and Hartford and Canton each \$100.

Deaths

The death of Brother C. E. McDonald, of Montrose, was the first call of God for recruits from our parsonages this year. It has been a lonely year for Sister McDonald and her little son. May God comfort them as only God can comfort His people.

In February Sister L. F. Brown, wife of our pastor at Harrisburg, sweetly and trustingly said good-bye to her little daughter, her husband and her father and mother and went away with Heaven's messenger.

Mother D. C. Arms came with her husband to the Dakota prairies when this part of the world was young and railroads in South Dakota were unknown. They came in with ox teams and chose a spot for a home far out on the frontier. They have lived on that first selected

site all these years and have seen a great state develop about them. Their lives have been like the leaven of Christ in that community as they have gone up and down preaching the Word, ministering to the sick, and always busy about the work of God. Their children have risen up and call them blessed, and are prepared to carry forward the work father and mother have so well begun. Two nephews are preaching now in this state—one already a member of this Conference, the other knocking at the door.

In this country community Mother Arms lived and toiled and trusted and left upon others the sweet impress of her own beautiful life, as the wife of one of our great oldtime local preachers, and finished her work, and last June went on to God's greater country, not this time with an ox team, but we feel sure God sent one of the finest chariots of Heaven that without jolt or jar this mother might be brought home to rest awhile and there await the coming of her loved ones.

Births

We take pleasure in announcing the arrival of five brand new babies in the parsonage homes this year. A daughter at Scotland, with C. W. Langdon and wife as the happy parents. S. B. Lowrie and wife, of Irene, a new daughter, and the same can be reported of O. M. Rifenbark and wife, of Colton. H. C. Bacon, of Richland, and Fred Wilcox, of Centerville, rejoice that sons have arrived at their homes.

Ladies' Aids

This organization continues to do a great and splendid work in connection with the churches of the district and after spending much money in the work they come to the close of the present year with \$3,000 in their treasuries.

W. F. M. S.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society made a great record last year, but will, we think, have even a better report this year.

W. H. M. S.

An auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society should be organized on every charge, and we can report considerable advance in this respect to date, with good prospects for the future.

District Camp Meeting

The best and most helpful meeting yet held is the verdict of the preachers and laymen who were in attendance this year. Dr. Harmon, of Salina, Kansas, and Dr. Nixon, of Saginaw, Michigan, were the leaders and the influence of their work will be felt throughout the district during all the coming year.

Revivals

More than the usual number of revival campaigns have been undertaken this year, but the storms of the winter season in most cases, and other causes in others, hindered the work and not many of them were very successful. The best results on the district this year were had on

fields where pastors themselves, or with the aid of brother pastors, held their own meetings.

War

Every parsonage home on the district that has a boy old enough to go to the defense of his country has seen that boy go, and we are asking that proper safeguards be thrown about these boys so that if it be the Lord's will that they return they may return true men, and if they give their lives for this great cause we may meet them in Heaven.

Other Items

The saloon has gone from our midst, God be thanked, and even Sioux Falls is dry, and already business is rejoicing. The Sunday movies are still with us and greatly hinder the work of the church in very many places. We are hoping that very soon all churches of all denominations will rise up and demand that the church of the living God have a free field for one day each week. When the churches want it bad enough to ask for it in a definite manner they will get it.

Finally

We have been happy in our work with our brother pastors, and with the churches during the year and have tried to do our best to help build strongly and permanently for the Kingdom of God. We knew when Conference closed last year that our churches on this district were, with very few exceptions, well manned, and we have had no reason to change our mind.

God bless this Conference and make it a still greater power in this state for good with each passing year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. ROSENBERRY.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Bishop Mitchell and Brethren:

With profound gratitude to the Giver of All Good for His unfailing mercies during the year now closing, and with highest appreciation of the manifold courtesies and kindnesses of the brethren, I submit to you my first annual report as Superintendent of the Watertown District. First of all, I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to my worthy predecessor, the Rev. Orien E. Boyce, who turned the district over to me in tip-top shape, well manned and organized. It has been a joy to me to have Brother Boyce on one of the leading pastorates of the district during the year. His cordiality and brotherliness and the helpfulness of his suggestions have been greatly appreciated.

But two charges remained to be supplied at the close of the Conference one year ago, viz.: Elkton and White. Brother Deller, of Flandreau, has supplied at Elkton Sunday afternoons during part of the year. If we can effect an exchange of fields with the Baptist people Elkton is ready to go over body and soul to this sister denomination. At White the pastor of the German Methodist Church supplied our work during

the year. The arrangement was not satisfactory and White now asks for a resident pastor at a salary of \$1,200 and house. Rev. G. W. Roberts, of De Smet, enlisted in the Canadian Ambulance Corps two months ago and is now in a training camp at Winnipeg. De Smet has had periodic attacks of discouragement and has talked of closing up, but the folks down there got busy and canvassed the community and now pledge a salary of \$1,200 and house for next year. Just watch De Smet next year. The people at Bruce were not satisfied with the services of a student pastor and at the close of the first quarter Rev. H. D. Seastrand was received from the Mitchell District and stationed at Bruce. So well has he served the charge that he is unanimously invited back at a good increase in salary. The latter part of February Bishop Mitchell transferred the Rev. F. F. Lewis from Watertown to Janesville, Wis., and the Rev. G. C. White, from Portland, Me., to the pastorate at Watertown.

Parsonage Homes

We are happy to state that death has not entered a parsonage home this year. Brother H. D. Clark and Brother and Sister Stevenson had to submit to operations in the hospital. Brother Hargett sustained very severe injuries from a fall in midwinter that kept him out of his pulpit for several weeks. The district superintendent had a severe tussle with lagrippe that confined him to his home for several days in the early winter. While sickness invaded several parsonage homes we are pleased to report that at the present time all the pastors and their families are well and strong. Immediately after the adjournment of the last Conference Rev. G. A. Trodie, of Blunt, hurried away to Canada, where he was united in marriage to a capable consecrated young lady. Rev. M. E. Nickerson, an honored charter member of Dakota Conference, has moved to Oregon and requests that he be granted the retired relation.

Birth Roll

Three parsonage homes have been blessed during the year by the advent of little ones, viz.: the homes of Brother and Sister Boatman, of Clear Lake, Brother and Sister Ozanne, of Hazel, and Brother and Sister Allan, of Bradley.

Evangelism

We have tried to emphasize Evangelistic effort and achievement as the supreme need of our churches. For the most part our pastors have manifested a real passion for the salvation of men, and some remarkably successful revivals have been held, notably at Tulare, Hitchcock, Pearl Creek, Henry, Garden City, Clark, Broadland, Huron, Clear Lake, Carleton, Woodland and Osceola. Special Passion Week services were held on a number of charges with goodly ingatherings on Easter Sabbath. We do not attempt to tabulate results, knowing the peril of undertaking to count conversions. We deplore this spectacular display on the part of some professional Evangelists. Statistics cannot tell all the story. We pray earnestly for more revivals like those at Tulare and Carleton and Pearl Creek, where the results have been so spiritually stimulating to all the activities of these churches and abide unto this day. Several

of the pastors have made all arrangements for aggressive Evangelistic campaigns early this fall, among them being Brother Hargett at Brookings, Brother White at Watertown, Brother Minkler at Iroquois, Brother Prosser at Cavour, and Brother Lee at Gary. O, that every pastor could be baptized with the Christ passion for the salvation of the people so that he could not rest and could not sleep until he saw men and women coming to the Lord under his ministry. It was my privilege last Sunday morning to assist Brother White in receiving a splendid class of forty-three young people into full membership in the church at Watertown. All these young people had previously received faithful instruction in probationer's classes conducted by the pastor and so could give intelligent answers to the questions proposed to them as they took upon themselves the vows of church membership. Brethren, there is no superficiality about such methods as these. I commend them to you all as worthy your prayerful consideration and adoption. We have had several hundred accessions to our churches this year. The following, I think, deserve special mention: Watertown, 148; Huron, 83; Hitchcock, 60; Tulare, 40; Garden City, 33; Arlington, 31; Clear Lake, 26; Burdette and Carleton, 24. There were 362 probationers received during the year, a gain of 174 over last year. There were 428 baptisms, a gain of 151 over last year. Despite the severe pruning of several church records, cutting the membership in two in some cases, we had a net gain of about 300 in membership during the year.

District Gatherings

The District Conference was royally entertained at Iroquois last fall by Pastor Minkler and his good people. Nearly every pastor on the district was present and the earnest discussion of practical district problems and interests revealed a disposition on the part of the men to make this the very best year in the history of the district. The reports will prove that these men of God have not been recreant to their trust. In April a joint Sunday School Institute with the Aberdeen District was held at Redfield, conducted by a strong corps of workers from our Sunday School Board. This resulted in the introduction of modern, up-to-date methods in many of our schools. It was by far the best Sunday School Institute we have ever attended. Hitchcock entertained the district convention of the W. F. M. S. in May. While the attendance was not large the spirit of the convention was optimistic and encouraging. The district camp meeting at St. Lawrence in July was in every way a pronounced success, in attendance, interest, financial support, and spiritual results. The district Epworth League Convention was held in conjunction with the camp meeting, with Dr. Schermerhorn as leader. So delighted were the young people with his fine cordial spirit and so helped were they by his masterful instructions that they insisted on his coming back next year. The camp meeting trustees were directed to proceed with the building of a tabernacle this coming year.

Ministerial Support

We have faithfully urged the adoption of the new financial plan in all the churches and have sought to show that God's business is great

business and should have careful business-like attention. The transition from the old to the new system is not very rapid. People generally cling tenaciously to the old ruts; however, the monthly plan of meeting all church obligations is being more generally adopted. This has been a good year in material blessings. Harvests have been abundant, prices of all farm products are high, money is plentiful, and I have found in most cases a disposition on the part of official boards to recognize the needs of pastors by generous increases in salary. The following charges have increased salaries this year, ranging from \$50 to \$300 each: Arlington, Bruce, Bradley, Brookings, Esmond, Iroquois, Gary, Clear Lake, Cavour, Aurora, St. Lawrence, Huron, Highmore, Miller and Watertown. For the coming year the following charges have already promised advances ranging from \$100 to \$700 each: Bradley, Harrold, Chapelle, Carpenter, Wessington, Tulare, Burdette and Carleton, Henry, Bruce, Iroquois, De Smet, Arlington, Brookings, Hazel and Thomas, White, Broadland, and Watertown. At Brookings the new financial plan at the suggestion of the pastor was adopted early in the year by all the church organizations. Note the results, brethren. Brookings this year raises for all purposes \$13,500. Salary increased this year \$400, with the promise of a \$700 increase next year, a total of \$1,100 in two years; \$6,522 for benevolences, and \$5,278 for other purposes. Take another illustration. One of the results of the revival at Tulare was the organization of a tithers' band. What did it accomplish? All claims for ministerial support paid long before conference, benevolences all in full, nearly \$800 paid for the revival campaign, a \$2,300 indebtedness on church and parsonage provided for, the pastor promised a \$400 increase in salary next year, and all this phenomenal record made this year in what is practically a rural church and most of this time in charge of a student pastor. It must be fully understood that this phase of the forward movement rests not only with the leadership of the one who is called the key man, the district superintendent, but also with progressive pastors and the strongest lay leadership.

Benevolences

I believe that almost without exception the pastors have been diligent in presenting and collecting the benevolences. The only criticism I would offer is that a few of the men habitually neglect this important matter until the eleventh hour and thus run the risk of failure because of stormy weather or bad roads and the loss that inevitably follows the lack of a persistent, definite educational program throughout the year. This criticism applies to a very few, however. I believe that the special appeals for Red Cross and the Army Y. M. C. A. work have interfered very little with the regular benevolent offerings. In all my quarterly rounds this fall I did not hear once a complaint of hard times, nor any hard luck story. The majority of charges report benevolences in full, some in excess. The crowning effort of the district and, I dare say, of the Conference is the report from Brookings with \$6,522 as the grand total for benevolences. I have searched the records of Dakota Conference and have discovered no report that equals this. The nearest approach was in 1910 when Mitchell reported a grand total of \$5,510 and

Wessington Springs \$5,260. The following reports are very commendable: Watertown, \$2,000; Huron, \$767; Pierre, \$425; Clark, \$530; Arlington, \$434; Iroquois, \$390; Garden City, \$375; Hazel and Thomas, \$323; Hitchcock, \$303. Our total disciplinary benevolences amount to \$14,099, an increase of \$3,528 over last year. I am happy to report an outstanding gift of \$25,000 by Jacob Nelson Brown, an official member of the Cavour charge, to be paid out of his estate with his last will and testament, bequeathing to the Methodist State Hospital his entire estate, after providing for three small bequests. Brother Brown is an ex-slave, a loyal Methodist layman, a lover of man, with an intelligent vision of the world's need.

Property Improvements

The outstanding triumph of the district in this direction this year is the erection of the magnificent modern \$20,000 brick church at Iroquois. In spite of high prices and delay in getting material, the work has been pushed steadily forward and this splendid structure will be ready for dedication in December, when it is hoped our Bishop Mitchell will honor us with his presence and service. The pastor, Brother Minkler, has heroically led the forces, and so thoroughly has the work been done that it is expected every dollar needed will be secured in good pledges before the day of dedication. At Osceola, nine miles from Iroquois, Brother Minkler organized a Methodist class of forty as the result of a revival. They have elected Boards of Trustees and Stewards and have bought the old church at Iroquois, which will be moved to Osceola. About \$2,000 have been secured in subscriptions for this purpose. At Hitchcock the old shack of a parsonage has been sold and a handsome, cosy bungalow parsonage, modern in every respect, has been built at a cost of about \$4,500. It was not an easy task to do this, but Pastor Marble has been persistent and tactful and is now comfortably housed in this beautiful parsonage home. The new parsonage enterprises begun at Tulare and Chapelle last year have been completed. The Carpenter people have moved the church and parsonage into town, and put a complete basement under the church and enlarged the building at an expense of \$2,367, giving this enterprising little inland town a church and parsonage property that would do credit to a much larger place. Garden City added a large new kitchen to the parsonage and equipped the entire building with electric lights. New garages were built at Huron and Arlington and a new barn at Broadland. The Burdette and Clear Lake churches were furnished with new pianos, and the Hazel church with electric lights. The Clark church was provided with a new hardwood floor and carpets, costing \$532. Electrically lighted bulletin boards were purchased at Bradley and Brookings. Gary bought a new Ford car for the use of its pastor. Either the church or parsonage has been repapered or repainted at Bradley, Hitchcock, Arlington, Broadland, Clear Lake, Huron, Brookings and Watertown.

Indebtedness

We have reduced our indebtedness by \$17,000. Of this Watertown has paid \$11,500; Pierre, \$2,300; Brookings, \$1,490; Miller, \$828; Arlington, \$635; Huron, \$300; Oldham, \$235; Tulare has pledges for \$2,300 to wipe

out its debt. We still have a \$62,000 indebtedness on church and parsonage property.

Women's Organizations

We can bank on the women every time to do well their part. These branches of our Zion never fail us. Ladies' Aid societies report receipts totaling \$14,000. Here are a few sample reports: Watertown, \$1,640; Huron, \$1,537; Miller, \$1,400; Brookings, \$840; Arlington, \$592; Hitchcock, \$451; Clark, \$450; Bruce, Burdette and Carleton, Carpenter, Clear Lake, Garden City, Hazel and Thomas, Henry, Lake Preston, and Oldham between \$300 and \$400 each. Of the W. F. M. S. auxiliaries Brookings leads with \$816; Watertown reports \$386 and White \$204. The W. H. M. S. reports new auxiliaries at Bradley and Iroquois. The total district receipts of the W. H. M. S. are \$723. A new auxiliary will be organized at Watertown next Sunday by Mrs. E. L. Miller, national organizer.

Sunday Schools

The Sunday School enrollment on the district is 154 per cent of the church membership. Generally the schools are progressive, use the supplies published by our Book Concern, and are gradually introducing up-to-date methods. Huron reports the banner cradle roll of 103. Westington reports 64 on the cradle roll. Brookings reports the largest average attendance, 313.

Epworth Leagues

In our senior chapters the membership has increased 119 over last year, the present enrollment being 728. The juniors now have 165 members. Brookings reports a senior chapter of 90 members and Pierre a chapter of 60 members.

Hospital

The Dakota Deaconess Hospital at Brookings, under the superintendency of Deaconess Minnie Baker, has cared for 351 patients during the year, 263 of these being surgical. There were but five deaths. The gross income was about \$11,000. This institution is entitled to a more liberal financial support from the people of the surrounding territory.

Personal

I wish to acknowledge my great indebtedness to the pastors of the district and their wives and families for their kindness and consideration and for their hearty coöperation in the work of the year. They have borne most patiently with me. I have met with generosity and hospitality and have enjoyed true Christian fellowship with my co-workers, both lay and clerical. God has been very gracious in granting me health and strength for my tasks. The work of the year has been strenuous enough. I was away from home during every blizzard of the winter save one. I have given all my time to the work of the district, having no other occupation or business. If there is any praise to be given to the Watertown District this year it is in no sense due to me, but to the faithful work of the pastors and their worthy co-workers in the parsonage homes whose splendid efforts have made success possible, but above all to Him whose grace and mercy have been vouchsafed in such abundant measure. To Him be all the glory.

W. S. SHEPHERD.

Reports of Committees

EDUCATION

- We rejoice in the number and prosperity of our theological schools. Our Church has never been so well equipped for training its ministry as to-day. In building facilities, teaching force and general spirit our theological schools offer to our young men the largest opportunities in the history of Methodism. We are glad to note the following special features of interest: At Boston School of Theology, the completion of Robinson Memorial Chapel; the extension of the department of Religious Education; the coöperation with Morgan Memorial in training Christian workers; the strengthening of faculty and endowment at Drew Theological Seminary; the growth of financial resources under the leadership of President Ezra Squier Tipple; the establishing of new departments of work under the most efficient leaders; the Henry A. Buttz Endowment Fund; at Garrett Biblical Institute, the completion of the group of four dormitories at a cost of \$130,000; the campaign of \$1,500,000 for additional buildings and endowment; the increased enrollment and the addition of the Summer Quarter making a continuous school year.

We gratefully acknowledge the help we have received through the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Last year twenty-four students from this Conference received help from the Children's Day Fund, totaling \$1,581. Of this number twenty-three were at Dakota Wesleyan. The department of Religious Work of the Board of Education is coöperating in the Evangelistic campaigns of our colleges. Through the University Senate the Board of Education also helps to maintain high standards of scholastic work in our Church institutions.

Dakota Wesleyan University continues to be one of the largest assets of Methodism in South Dakota. Its courses comprise College, Normal, Music, Domestic Science, Academy and Business Mechanics. The educational training in each of these departments is of high grade. The scholastic standards of the college are recognized by the leading institutions of the country, thus making it possible for students to enter these schools without loss of credit.

An earnest religious spirit pervades the institution. Every member of the faculty is a Christian. The Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations are doing aggressive work. Classes have been organized for the instruction of foreigners in Mitchell; gospel teams have gone out to assist pastors in Evangelistic services, and Bible Study classes have been formed to which a great majority of the students belong. Quite a number of the upper classmen have enlisted in the army, and there seems to be a spirit of unusual earnestness on the part of those who remain. Notwithstanding the war, there are as many students enrolled as last year.

The new president, the Rev. William D. Schermerhorn, D.D., has already won the love and hearty support of faculty and students. The city of Mitchell and other communities, where President Schermerhorn has gone, are enthusiastic in their appreciation of his ability and worth. We feel certain that under his leadership Dakota Wesleyan will contribute even more than she has in the past to the best interests of South Dakota and the enlargement of the Kingdom of God.

With reference to the Dakota Wesleyan Campaign for \$400,000, approved by our last annual session, and to be directed by the Educational Jubilee Commission of the Board of Education, we recommend the following: First, that this campaign be formally launched about April 1, 1918, or at such exact date in the spring as may be agreed upon by the Jubilee Commission and the College Board of Trustees, and that it be conducted according to such methods as the Jubilee employs which have been so successful throughout Methodism. Second, that we pledge ourselves to loyally coöperate in the prosecution of this great campaign for this authorized amount, to take the place in the organization to which we may be appointed, and to do our part to the end of the great extension drive to find the last dollar for Dakota Wesleyan University, that may be asked, believing it necessary for the immediate needs of the institution. Third, that we include in this campaign the sum of \$20,000 as our share of the \$1,000,000 to be raised for the Board of Education Endowment Fund asked for in this great Church-wide forward movement.

We recommend the names of the following persons as visitors to our educational institutions. Boston School of Theology, Drs. J. P. Jenkins and G. C. White; Drew Theological Seminary, Rev. W. A. Black; Garrett Biblical Institute, Dr. C. E. Hager and the Rev. Gilbert Stansell; Dakota Wesleyan University, the Rev. H. W. Minish and the Rev. I. M. Hargett.

We recommend a Conference Jubilee Campaign Committee with Bishop Mitchell as chairman, and the district superintendent, one pastor, and one layman from each district. We further recommend the following persons as members of this committee. Aberdeen District—P. O. Bunt, Gilbert Stansell, and U. G. Johnson; Mitchell District—J. S. Harkness, J. S. Hoagland, and W. E. McDonald; Rapid City District—C. E. Matteson, F. E. Morrison, and F. E. Minty; Sioux Falls District—G. W. Rosenberry, A. W. Thurston, and J. S. Fargo; Watertown District—W. S. Shepherd, Gay C. White, and G. F. Knappen.

C. V. GILLILAND, Chairman.

GILBERT STANSELL, Secretary.

DAKOTA DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Annual Statistical Report, Dakota Conference, August 1, 1916-1917

Patients admitted during year.....	351
Female	195
Male	156
Surgical Cases	263
Medical Cases	115

Deaths	5
Births	13

One-half of all the patients cared for this year were citizens of Brookings. Others were received from six states other than South Dakota.

Two-thirds of all the patients cared for were Americans. England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Denmark were represented.

One-fifth of all the patients were Methodists. Those who were non-members numbered 97; Lutheran, 66; Methodist, 64; Presbyterian, 30; Catholics, Baptist, Congregational, Christian, Episcopalian, Dutch Reformed, Hebrew and Universal denominations were also represented.

Financial Statement

Balance on hand August 1, 1916.....	\$ 258.40
Receipts from patients	7,859.78
Receipts from subscriptions on Building Fund (Field Secretary)	1,712.96
Receipts from donations and subscriptions for hospital work..	368.48
Receipts from sundries	415.98
Total receipts from all sources.....	\$10,615.60

Disbursements

Current expenses	\$10,506.72
Field Secretary's salary.....	1,254.44
Total disbursements	\$11,761.16
Bills liable	2,012.30
Bills receivable	518.10

Free Work

Number receiving free work.....	12
Number paid in part.....	13
Value of free work at current rates.....	\$513.25

Supplies from our own city and local towns may be promptly estimated at \$515.20, for which we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation and especially to our own Methodist Church of Brookings, that has given a total in cash and supplies of \$802 during the year.

The hospital was renovated, repaired and refurnished in part in the spring at a cost approximating \$500.

The experiment of renting a home for the nurses proved so expensive that we were obliged to move back into the hospital building, thus reducing the number of beds available for patients below the standard set by the new state registration law and involving the disbanding of the training school in July.

Report of Deaconess Workers Affiliated with Hospital

Calls made.....	605
Calls on sick.....	115
Number taught in Sunday School aggregating.....	586
Number subscriptions secured for Northwestern Christian Advocate.	80

Camp Fire Circle organized. Junior Church organized and conducted in place of Junior League.

Attendance—average	55
Queen Esther Circle organized with membership of.....	30
Letters secured for the church.....	8

Kindergarten conducted for the babies.

The major part of this work covers four months' service from Miss Minnie Williams now on sick leave at her home in St. Louis. Evangelistic work—Minnie Baker.

During the year Miss Cornelia Rhodenfels, a deaconess who received her nurse training here, was appointed to work in Pueblo, Colo. The Misses Stafford and Ennevoldsen were members of the graduating class of nurses. Miss Helen Wood resigned the superintendency August 1 and was succeeded by Minnie Baker, a deaconess, graduate of the Class of 1907 Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions.	
Revival meeting 1. Services conducted	27
Conversions (cards signed).....	50
Accessions	15
Letters	2
Aggregate attendance children's meetings.....	400

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

We hold, as Methodist preachers, that to spread scriptural holiness in the earth is our sole business.

That by the help of the Holy Spirit, with or without our Conference Evangelists, by personal Evangelism, special revival, regular preaching services, Sunday School and Epworth League and general revival movements in the community we do our utmost to faithfully meet this program.

WM. JOHN CALFEE.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

The following amounts have been received.

Reported from the charges	\$ 5,965.00
From the Book Concern	1,713.00
From the Connectional Fund	400.00
From interest on investments.....	1,825.00

Total	\$ 9,903.00
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We recommend that the following distribution be made:

To the Connectional Board.....	\$ 400.00
W. A. Black.....	250.00
A. E. Carhart.....	250.00
D. W. Chamberlain.....	250.00
G. J. Corwin.....	220.00
C. B. Clark.....	350.00
E. E. Dean.....	120.00
W. D. Deeble.....	300.00
W. O. Gram.....	160.00

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C. E. Hager	\$ 350.00
J. G. Hall.....	200.00
Lewis Hartsough	550.00
A. S. Loveall.....	325.00
R. C. McReynolds.....	200.00
M. E. Nickerson.....	240.00
O. A. Phillips.....	400.00
Thomas Simmons	250.00
J. A. Willey.....	200.00
Mrs. A. Jamieson	300.00
Mrs. C. E. McDonald.....	150.00
Mrs. A. E. Tanner.....	208.00
Mrs. T. H. Youngman.....	150.00
Mrs. S. F. Brown.....	225.00
Mrs. Myra Coon	180.00
Mrs. H. T. Curl.....	225.00
Mrs. A. V. Fawell.....	185.00
Mrs. Frank Fox	185.00
Mrs. Kate Hoadley	210.00
Mrs. E. Holgate	325.00
Mrs. L. McLean	225.00
Mrs. W. F. Minty.....	220.00
Mrs. T. H. Walker.....	225.00
Mrs. H. M. Springer.....	185.00
Mrs. F. J. Norton.....	240.00
Mrs. Thomas Wilkinson	200.00
Mrs. D. Rifembark	275.00
Mrs. Mary Washburn	200.00
Mrs. Anna Cooper	265.00
Mrs. W. T. Ferguson.....	400.00
Mrs. W. A. Greene, Ponca, Mich.....	100.00
W. I. Graham, Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	Claim surrendered
Balance on hand.....	10.00

Total\$ 9,903.00

The rate of annuity that should be paid this year is \$16 per year of service.

Rate of annuity paid this year \$8 per year of service. Number of years of service 944.

We recommend that the charges be asked to bring up 5 per cent of pastors' cash salaries next year.

W. O. REDFIELD, Chairman.

R. A. BRUCE, Secretary.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Redfield, S. D., October 8, 1917.

Report of the Treasurer for the Conference year of 1916-1917:

Oct. 27, 1916, Received draft for donation Irene Church.....\$ 300.00

Nov. 8, 1916, Received draft for donation Roswell Church..... 350.00

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

Jan. 8, 1917, Received draft for first quarter Missionary App....	\$ 3,425.00
Jan. 27, 1917, Received draft for Dr. C. E. Hager.....	100.00
Jan. 27, 1917, Received draft for donation Lemmon Church....	350.00
Jan. 27, 1917, Received draft for donation Dogear Tp. Church..	150.00
Feb. 27, 1917, Received draft for donation Paxton Church.....	200.00
Mar. 21, 1917, Received draft for loan to Pierre Church.....	15,000.00
Apr. 6, 1917, Received draft for second quarter Missionary App.	3,425.00
Apr. 16, 1917, Received draft for donation Kimball Church.....	300.00
June 13, 1917, Received draft for loan to E. Side Sioux Falls Ch.	8,302.00
June 15, 1917, Received draft for donation Carpenter Church...	350.00
July 7, 1917, Received draft for third quarter Missionary App...	3,425.00
Oct. 2, 1917, Received draft for fourth quarter Missionary App.	3,425.00
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	\$39,102.80

Disbursements

Oct. 27, 1916, Sent draft for Irene Church to G. W. Rosenberry.\$	300.00
Nov. 8, 1916, Sent draft for Roswell Church to the pastor.....	350.00
Jan. 8, 1917, Sent draft for Missionary Appropriations as follows (first quarter):	
Rev. P. O. Bunt, Aberdeen District.....	640.50
Rev. W. S. Shepherd, Watertown District.....	331.70
Rev. J. S. Harkness, Mitchell District.....	496.95
Rev. G. W. Rosenberry, Sioux Falls District.....	303.10
Rev. C. E. Matteson, Rapid City District.....	1,652.75
Jan. 27, 1917, Sent draft for C. E. Hager to C. E. Matteson.....	100.00
Jan. 27, 1917, Sent draft for Lemmon Church to P. O. Bunt.....	350.00
Jan. 27, 1917, Sent draft for Dogear Tp. Church to J. S. Harkness	150.00
Feb. 27, 1917, Sent draft for Paxton Church to J. S. Harkness...	200.00
Mar. 21, 1917, Sent draft for loan for Pierre Church to J. A. Edwards	15,000.00
Apr. 6, 1917, Sent Missionary Appropriations as above (second quarter)	3,425.00
Apr. 16, 1917, Sent draft for Kimball Church to J. S. Harkness..	300.00
June 13, 1917, Sent draft for loan for East Side Church, Sioux Falls to G. W. Rosenberry.....	8,302.80
June 15, 1917, Sent draft for Carpenter Church to Geo. F. Sheldon	350.00
July 7, 1917, Sent Missionary Appropriations as above (third quarter)	3,425.00
Oct. 2, 1917, Sent Missionary Appropriations as above (fourth quarter)	3,425.00
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Very respectfully submitted, \$39,102.80

U. G. JOHNSON, Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

We are grateful to God for the extension of His Kingdom through this department of our church work. That the best results may be reached and that the most needy fields may be helped there should be a careful survey of the needs of the many charges that receive help

from Home Missions and Church Extension funds. We ask our lay members to coöperate with the pastors and District Superintendents and, where possible, to relinquish any claim upon these funds that more needy fields west of the Missouri River may be assisted.

Respectfully submitted, F. B. DUNN.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We rejoice in the work accomplished by the Woman's Home Missionary Society during the year.

We are glad to report an increase in the number of auxiliaries of over 100 per cent in some districts.

We feel highly honored that the National Woman's Home Missionary Society should come to Dakota Conference to make its choice of a man for its important work.

We wish to express our appreciation of the splendid coöperation of the pastors and superintendents and to solicit their coöperation for the year before us.

C. B. HARROLD,
J. S. ELLIS,
E. O. MACHAMER.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Believing the Epworth League is peculiarly fitted in its organization and work to develop into strong men and women for God the young people of our Church,

We, your committee, recommend that all our pastors give to this organization special attention this year in their work. And that in those places where no organization now exists the pastor shall immediately take the necessary steps to organize our young people into an Epworth League.

We further recommend that upon every district throughout our Conference a thorough district organization be formed and that District Institute or Convention be held.

C. B. HARROLD, Chairman.
FRED H. RAY, Secretary.

AUDITORS OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

We find all accounts correct.

J. E. McKINNEY,
C. B. DENNISON.

FREEDMEN'S AID

In view of the great services rendered by the Freedmen's Aid Society in the building and maintaining of schools, seminaries and colleges for the uplift of the negro race, we, your committee, recommend that each pastor of the Dakota Conference observe Lincoln Day and secure the apportionment for this society.

And, further, as the society has offered to furnish printed matter free of charge, we urge our pastors to avail themselves of the opportunity

and secure sufficient literature to inform their people on the work of this board.

FRED H. RAY, President.

R. B. HUGHES, Secretary.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We are glad to note the continued success and progress of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The amount of money, over twelve and a half thousand dollars, raised this year, significant as it is, is not the only value derived by the church from this society. Great as this amount is, the stimulation of interest in the whole benevolent budget of the church, the spirit of sacrifice and the unity of action instilled in the churches by the example of this society are to the local church beyond measure.

We recommend the hearty coöperation of the pastors and people in furthering the work of this society. Churches should be opened to their representatives, sermons should be preached along the line of their work and as wide a knowledge of the needs of the missionary fields as possible should be kept in the minds of the congregations. We pledge the co-operation of the members of this Conference to the work of this society.

H. E. RICE, Chairman.

METHODIST DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Receipts

Balance on hand.....	\$ 319.64
Receipts from Patients	19,036.25
Receipts from Subscriptions—Field Secretary	2,828.60
Receipts from Subscriptions—Campaign	26.00
Receipts from Subscriptions—Ministers' room	35.00
Receipts from Donations—Churches and Societies.....	546.25
Receipts from National W. H. M. S.....	708.42
Receipts from X-Ray	931.75
Receipts from Laboratory	394.50
Receipts from Sundries	317.35

\$25,143.86

Disbursements

Running Expense	\$18,914.63
Field Secretary Salary and Expense.....	1,870.83
Laboratory Building and Expense.....	568.29
X-Ray (Payments)	\$391.89
(Tubes)	220.00
(Operating Account)	524.15
Bond—First Mortgage	1,000.00
Insurance, Notes and Interest.....	1,054.68
Credits and Refunds.....	165.75

\$24,710.22

Balance on hand October 1, 1917.....\$ 433.64

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Average cost per month first year.....	\$ 906.80
Average cost per month this year.....	2,059.18
Average cost per patient first year.....	34.53
Average cost per patient this year.....	33.40

Total receipts first year.....	\$ 6,421.78
Total receipts last year.....	16,958.26
Total receipts fifth year.....	25,143.86

Resources

Original Cost of Hospital and Equipment.....	\$21,000.00
Present Valuation of Property.....	46,500.00
Original Cost of Hospital and Equipment.....	\$21,000.00
Improvement from Rebuilding.....	5,900.00
Otis Elevator	2,200.00
Meyer X-Ray	1,600.00
Added Building—Diet Kitchen	600.00
Added Building—Pathological Laboratory	500.00
Added Equipment and Furnishing.....	3,000.00

\$34,800.00

Purchase Price Nurses' Home.....	7,100.00
Dividend Bearing Stock	1,500.00
Beneficiary of Insurance Policy.....	3,000.00

\$46,500.00

Uncollected Subscription Notes:

Hartung	\$12,903.10
Edwards	1,637.00
Campaign	150.00
First Mortgage—Land	200.00
Notes—Patients'	500.00
Bills Receivable	1,652.75
General Stores on hand.....	600.00

Liabilities

\$64,142.85

Mortgage Notes	\$ 6,000.00
On Nurses' Home.....	7,000.00
Notes—Security Bank—Rebuilding	675.00
Mentch—Purchase Price	400.00
Bills Payable	1,403.53

\$15,478.53

Net Resources\$48,664.32

ELVA WADE, Treasurer.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The Sabbath is the source of Christian liberty and is the manifestation of God's covenant relation with man.

Knowing its vital relation to the moral and material interests of mankind, we especially urge the Methodists of South Dakota to avoid the insidious perils that come upon us with the inrush of the European Sunday.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we ask our people to prayerfully consider the prophetic utterances of Isaiah in turning away from their pleasures on God's holy day and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and to put forth every effort to secure law enforcement against Sabbath desecration. Then shall the people of South Dakota delight themselves in the Lord and Church and State enter into an era of unprecedented success and prosperity.

S. E. BROWN, Chairman.
HARRY LEE, Secretary.

AUDITING

The committee on auditing the District Superintendents' accounts have examined the same and found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

By THE COMMITTEE.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE

Immediately after the meeting of the Board at Mitchell, on November 10, 1916, I prepared copy for a circular letter, quarterly notices, letter heads and envelopes and had them printed, forwarding a copy of the circular letter containing the details of the plan to the pastor of each charge and have sent the quarterly notices regularly except for the third quarter.

As a result I have received remittances during the Conferende year as follows:

For Conference Claimants

From Aberdeen District	\$ 371.80
From Mitchell District	174.33
From Rapid City District.....	70.07
From Sioux Falls District.....	432.57
From Watertown District	525.00
Total	\$ 1,573.77

For Bishops

From Aberdeen District	\$ 185.90
From Mitchell District	87.17
From Rapid City District.....	35.03
From Sioux Falls District.....	216.23
From Watertown District	262.50
Total	\$ 786.83
For Expenses of Commission.....	58.00

Grand Total\$ 2,418.60

Expenditures

To George P. Mains for Bishops, April 6, 1917.....	\$200.00	
For Expenses	34.60	\$ 234.60
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Balance		\$ 2,184.00
This amount to be divided as follows:		
Conference Claimants	\$ 1,573.77	
Bishops	586.83	
Expense Money	23.40	
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		\$2,184.00

U. G. JOHNSON, Sec.-Treas.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD

We have heard with much satisfaction the reports from our two institutions under Deaconess management. A noble work has been done in healing the sick and ministering to the dying. A number of improvements have been made, thereby increasing their efficiency. Much credit is due to Miss Elva L. Wade, Superintendent of the Rapid City Hospital, for her untiring energy and devotion to the work. Miss Minnie B. Baker, who comes to us from Rome, N. Y., is taking hold of the work as Superintendent of the Brookings Hospital in a way that promises to make the coming year a banner one for this institution.

Our one great hindrance is the lack of young women who are willing to devote themselves to this most worthy work. We earnestly urge every pastor to seek out young women who will consecrate their lives to this service.

The standing of the following deaconesses was approved by the Board: Elva L. Wade, Grace M. Bayne, Cornelia A. Rodenfels, Sarah B. Simmons, Minnie B. Baker. Miss Rodenfels was transferred to the Colorado Conference; Miss Minnie Williamson was granted leave of absence, and Miss Susie Thompson was received as a probationer from Rock River Conference.

The visit of Dr. D. W. Howell, Secretary of the General Deaconess Board, and his address to the Conference brought much of inspiration and helpful suggestion. The importance of this work requires a part in the Conference program, and we would so recommend.

The Board re-elected Rev. R. G. Minkler as president, and H. G. Ozanne as secretary, and presents the names of Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, Mrs. C. E. Hager and Dr. W. F. Minty for approval as members of the Class of 1920, and for the vacancy in the Class of 1919 caused by the removal of Mrs. J. A. Edwards we recommend Mrs. W. S. Shepherd.

R. G. MINKLER, President.

H. G. OZANNE, Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We believe that the great need of the home church in order that it may duly realize its opportunity and its responsibility is the fullest knowledge possible, not only concerning the general missionary principle, but also

concerning the actual fields in which its missionaries are working—the needs, the opportunities, and the victories.

We therefore commend the efforts now being made by the Board of Foreign Missions, largely through its new department of world evangelism, to make available to a fuller degree than ever before this knowledge and to establish this sense of touch and of fellowship between our home churches and the missionaries on the field. We heartily recommend to our pastors and people the agencies now rendered available to this end, namely, the two new missionary publications of the Board, the "World Outlook" and the "Missionary News," and the "Northwestern Christian Advocate."

We would also call the attention of our pastors and especially of our District Superintendents to the profit to be derived from coöperating with the board and with the department of world evangelism in the new type of district campaigns now being used, and would suggest the introduction of these campaigns on all our districts, also hearty coöperation in "The Partnership Plan," and any other plans offered for the \$40,000,000 campaign.

WM. JOHN CALFEE.

STATE OF THE CHURCH AND THE NATION

In this day of world upheaval and peril it is the conviction of this Conference that the need of the United States is the guidance of Almighty God. We therefore call upon our ministers and people to humble themselves before Him and seek to know His mind, that they may be sufficient for the high tasks before them.

We heartily approve the purpose of our Home Mission Boards to provide for the spiritual welfare and the moral safety of the troops now at the cantonments, and pledge them our support.

We endorse the Army Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross, and urge our people to liberally support these organizations, but we condemn questionable and unethical methods of raising funds for these movements in the name of patriotism.

We approve, without qualification, the action of the Government in the present war. We endorse our President and commend the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments for their efforts in conserving the high moral standards of our soldiers and sailors.

We pledge coöperation to the plans of Herbert C. Hoover in the conservation of food and call upon our President to exercise his authority to compel the brewers to a like coöperation.

We urge upon our people the purchasing of liberty bonds as a practical expression of their loyalty and devotion to the Government.

To the peace advocates of our state and nation we say, America is at war; this is no time to talk of peace. The only desirable peace is a peace that shall come through the success of our country and our Allies in the present war. To the success of this war, therefore, let all our people give their continued efforts.

We endorse the war policies of our Governor, the Honorable Peter Norbeck, pledging ourselves to willingly coöperate with him in these trying times, and we express to the present State Council of Defense

our appreciation of their patriotic, unselfish services and give them the assurance of our willing coöperation.

(Signed by) THE WHOLE COMMITTEE.

METHODIST STATE HOSPITAL

Assured of the hearty support of the Conference, one year ago the Board of Trustees of the Methodist State Hospital let the contract for the excavation and foundation of the hospital which was completed by December 1. On January 23, 1917, the contract for the new building was let and the work was begun upon its construction April 7 of the present year. The contract of the building, including the foundation, amounted to \$50,329. The contract for the engineering, the plumbing, heating and wiring, amounting to \$27,297, was let on the most advantageous terms possible, resulting in the saving of several thousand dollars to the hospital. The installation of the elevators will be accomplished at a cost of \$2,350. The surgical and other equipment will involve an outlay of \$15,000. The architect's fee and superintendent's salary amount to \$3,500. The site, including house for the nurses' home, cost \$9,000. The grading of the grounds and other expenses will readily bring the total outlay for the construction and equipment to the hospital, including the furnishings, to \$105,000.

One year ago our total resources amounted to \$43,484. To-day the total figure is \$63,183.65. This amount includes \$6,540.87 of notes from the Federated Funds of the Conference, and \$2,574.69 of a refund of the Executive Secretary's salary, and expenses covering fourteen months by the Commission of Federated Interests of the Conference. The gift of \$5,000 by Mrs. G. F. Swift deserves special mention, and expressions of heartfelt gratitude upon our part. The gift of \$25,000 in the form of an estate note by Jacob Nelson Brown of the Pearl Creek Church, Cavour charge, accompanied by his last will and testament, with a residuary clause giving us his entire estate, after taking care of three small gifts, to the Methodist State Hospital, places this humble colored man, born in slavery, among the small but growing list of South Dakota philanthropists. So long as this institution ministers to suffering humanity it will stand a memorial to the name of Jacob Nelson Brown, as one of its founders.

To meet immediate needs and assist in the completion of the institution, the Board of Trustees has issued \$40,000 in bonds, running for ten years at six per cent per annum, with option of payment after five years upon any interest payment date. To meet pressing needs by purchasing the furniture and kitchen equipment we should secure \$10,000 at once, and the Board of Trustees appeals to the Conference to give its united and immediate coöperation to securing this sum to aid us in the task of an early opening of the hospital.

It is also planned in connection with the opening services of the hospital planned for December 9, under the leadership of Bishop Mitchell, to secure additional funds to increase our resources where the institution may be opened and carry on its ministry of healing without being

immediately embarrassed and limited in its usefulness by unprovided indebtedness, aside from the bond issue.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was voted to make it the policy of the Methodist State Hospital to receive and care for any of our pastors, their wives and dependent children, as guests of the institution, without a monetary consideration. This will doubtless prove to be a great blessing to many families to our parsonage homes in the years to come, and we therefore trust we may have the coöperation of every member of the Conference in completing and opening this great institution.

The Board of Trustees recognize the services of the executive secretary, the Rev. G. T. Notson, D.D., to be indispensable to the enterprise, and request his re-appointment to that position.

The Board of Trustees asks authority of the Conference to secure the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation to increase the Board of Trustees to fifteen members. In harmony therewith, the following nominations for trustees are submitted to the Conference for election:

For Three Years—J. S. Hoagland, S. E. Morris, W. T. McConnell, W. S. Shepherd, G. T. Notson;

For Two Years—J. S. Harkness;

For One Year—Walter M. McDonald.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HOAGLAND, President,

LEWIS SHUSTER, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We regard with pleasure the continued efficient work of the Board of Sunday Schools.

In the wide and rapidly changing ideals of education the church must follow the advance or fail in one of the greatest and most important works of the church. Early and well-laid foundations are essential to produce the type of character needed for the great tasks of the day at hand. The Board of Sunday Schools has shown itself capable of this leadership, and we wish to express confidence in its work, and urge the pastors that they give careful attention to the "Partnership Plan" of the Board in securing funds.

We would also commend the excellent institutes conducted in the Conference during the past year.

LOUIS L. LANE, Chairman.

WM. S. ROWDEN, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Resolved:

First—That it is with grateful praise to Almighty God that we look back upon the achievements of the past Conference year in the realms of warfare against the liquor traffic; and we desire to express our thanks to all the Christian forces of the state that so splendidly coöperated to win our state-wide victory, and we rejoice to note that the reform is victoriously sweeping forward over our nation and the civilized world.

Second—In view of the great vote in our state against Prohibition we urge our churches and Sunday Schools to follow up the Prohibition victory, by thorough practical educational work to safeguard our own victory and to help in other fields.

Third—We pledge our hearty coöperation and support to all local and state officers who will earnestly coöperate with us in the enforcement of our Prohibition laws, and commend our governor for his courageous position in the warfare against the liquor traffic.

Fourth—We will resent and oppose any political effort or utterance, or any legislative movement or action that will in any way weaken our present splendid Prohibition law, and to this end we shall endeavor to elect to legislative and executive offices only such men as are supporters of real Prohibition.

Fifth—In the realms of moral reform we hail as one of the greatest strategical victories of this generation the splendid triumph of our Board of Temperance, in permanently locating its headquarters under the very shadow of our National Capitol, where it can constantly guard the foes, and assist the friends of world betterment.

Sixth—Our people are feeling intensely the need of Prohibition to save man power, transportation facilities, food-stuffs and other National resources in war times; therefore, we, the representatives of South Dakota Methodists in Conference assembled, respectfully urge our President to use the power vested in him by the Constitution, and by special Congressional enactment to prohibit all manufacture, sale and transportation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes during the continuation of the war, and to protect the boys in the American army from any and all encroachments of the liquor traffic and other evils; and we order that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by our secretary to the President of the United States.

Seventh—We urge our representatives in Congress to work for the submission to the several states, at the earliest possible moment, the Prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Eighth—We recommend that this Conference elect P. O. Bunt, I. M. Hargett, A. E. Carhart and J. S. Hoagland as our representatives on the Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League.

A. C. McLEAN, President.

O. W. BUTTERFIELD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the Dakota Annual Conference in our Thirty-third annual session do hereby offer the following resolution:

I. That we are pleased to have the privilege of visiting and holding our Conference in the beautiful capital city of our state.

II. That we appreciate and extend our thanks to the genial pastor, Dr. J. A. Edwards, and his heroic people together with the citizens of Pierre for their hospitality in opening their homes for our entertainment.

III. That we heartily commend the members and friends of this church in their unprecedented struggle to clear their beautiful and

commodious church from all encumbrance, and we hope and pray that their efforts may ultimately be crowned with complete success.

IV. That we congratulate ourselves upon having our brotherly and efficient Bishop Mitchell as our presiding bishop and hope that he may be with us throughout the quadrennium; and further we greatly appreciate the presence and inspiring addresses of Drs. Schermerhorn and Vogt. We wish to thank secretaries of our benevolent societies, the editor of the "Northwestern," the secretary and his assistants, the treasurer and his assistants, the statistical secretary and his assistants and all others who contributed to making this one of the most successful conferences in all our history.

V. We wish to express our gratitude to Mrs. Catherine G. Woolley for her liberal gift of \$12,500, which enabled this church to be saved for Dakota Methodism.

VI. We urge upon our government to throw around our boys every possible moral safeguard, both in our home cantonments and in France, to save them from the moral ruin that sometimes invest the army life.

VII. That we are profoundly thankful for the glorious victory that has placed our state in the honor roll and gave us a bone-dry law such as is not excelled by any other state in the union. That we pledge ourselves to support every effort by the Anti-Saloon League and all other organizations intended to enforce and make permanent the great victory already won; and that we further urge the President of the United States to write "the emancipation proclamation" from the power of rum that will give us as a nation a bone-dry constitutional amendment.

VIII. That we greatly appreciate the kindness of the "Daily Dakotan" and the "Capital Journal" in publishing the news of the Conference.

IX. That we pledge ourselves as a church and as citizens of the greatest country on earth to the loyal support of our government in the world conflict for the supremacy of the principles for which our fathers bled and died, and knowing this may be a long and terrific struggle we urge upon our people that they coöperate with all reasonable efforts to conserve our resources, by refraining from all extravagance and wastefulness in living, and endeavor to support the government in buying Liberty Loan Bonds, contributing liberally to the Red Cross, and the Army Y. M. C. A.

X. That we call attention to the fact that in our patriotic support of our civil government, we may forget the great benevolent causes of our church and of the Kingdom of Christ, and that we urge the loyal support of all our members to the various benevolent causes, knowing that the Kingdom of Christ is first and that the time must come when all the nations of the world shall become the nations of our God and his Christ.

A. M. LOTT, Chairman.

A. W. THURSTON, Secretary.

B. I. HUBBARD.

Plan of Conference Examinations

Members of the Board

Chairman.....A. E. Buriff, Milbank, S. D.
Vice-Chairman.....C. V. Gilliland, Mitchell, S. D.
Registrar.....R. C. Shearer, Woonsocket, S. D.
A. E. Buriff, O. W. Butterfield, C. V. Gilliland, J. S. Hoagland, J. P. Jenkins, H. W. Minish, R. G. Minkler, H. G. Ozanne, W. D. Schermerhorn, R. C. Shearer, A. W. Thurston, C. E. Wilcox.

Rules

1. The Board of Examiners, consisting of twelve members, shall be appointed, organized and conducted according to the disciplinary plan, paragraph 598 of Discipline.

2. At some time to be announced (but probably during the latter half of June, (1918) a ten days' session of the Dakota Conference School of Religion will be held in Mitchell. At this time the undergraduates will assemble for the completion of the study of the books and for examination. No other mid-year examinations will be held. Members of the Conference other than the undergraduates are invited to avail themselves of the opportunities for post-graduate work afforded at this session. Prospectus will be issued when complete course is arranged. No other examinations than those arranged for the School of Religion and those at the time of the Annual Conference shall be held, except that undergraduates conditioned on one or more books may have the privilege of examinations on those books by arrangement with the examiners having charge of said books.

3. Candidates for local deacon's and local elder's orders shall conform to the requirement of the Discipline, paragraph 602.

4. In case of the unavoidable absence of any examiner from the meeting of the board, he shall forward his lists of questions to the chairman, who shall arrange for the examinations.

5. The required written work on the books for examination should be handed in at the opening of the School of Religion. Written work on books for collateral reading should be mailed to the respective examiners not later than September 1.

6. A copy of the plan, together with detailed schedule of studies and assignments of examiners, shall be printed in the Conference Journal.

7. The chairman shall arrange a schedule for the annual examinations.

8. No candidate shall be entitled to advance classification who has failed to pass in two books for examination or in three books for collateral study, or in one book for examination and two for collateral study;

and no candidate shall be entitled to advance classification until he has brought up the work in which he is delinquent.

9. All candidates desiring credits in the conference course for work done in any institutions of learning shall submit the official record of their grades in such institution to the Board of Examiners in session at the School of Religion (see 2, above) or at the Annual Conference.

10. The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods here presented; but before they become valid, or are used or published by the board, all proposed changes shall be accepted by the conference.

11. It is the sense of the Board of Examiners that all men in good health should be required to complete the course in the time prescribed. Attention is called to the action of the Conference of 1914: "Any man who does not complete the first two years of the Conference course of study in four years shall be discontinued." The Conference of 1917 has reiterated this action and has added the provision that any undergraduate member of the Conference who does not complete the last two years of the course of study within four years shall be asked to locate.

SCHEDULE OF SUBJECTS AND EXAMINERS

Examiners	Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
A. E. Buriff	(1) Art of Writing English (6) Bible Biography	(8) Methodist Review	(8) Methodist Review		
C. V. Gilliland		(4) Pastor-Preacher		(2) Fact of Christ (2) Foundation of Christian Belief	Homiletical Suggestions (2) Christian Doctrine
C. E. Wilcox	(3) Doctrines and Discipline	(1) Church School		(4) Social Evangelism	(4) a New Home Missions b Social Asp. F. Missions (1) Hist. Geog. Holy Land
J. P. Jenkins	(2) American History	(3) Ind. Work for Individuals	(4) Letters on Evangelism		(1) Paul and His Epistles (4) Call of the World
W. D. Schermerhorn		(5) Winning the Fight Against Drink	(1) Dictionary of the Bible, etc. (7) Life of Luther	(5) Community Survey	
R. C. Shearer	(5) Christian Perfection	(1) N. T. History (7) Francis Asbury		(1) Studies in Christianity	(5) Church a Community Force
R. G. Minkler	(4) Life of Wesley		(2) History of Chr. Church (1) Chr. View of O. T.	(7) Life of Phillips Brooks	(8) Methodist Review
A. W. Thurston		(3) Making of Sermon	(3) Preacher, Life, and Work Homiletical Sugg.		(3) Everyday Ethics (6) Minister as Shepherd
O. W. Butterfield			(4) The Way to Win (2) Education in Relig. and Morals	(1) Beacon Lights of Prophecy (8) Methodist Review	(3) Outline Chr. Theol.
H. W. Minish		(4) How to Study	(3a) Pupil and Teacher (6) History of Methodism	(6) History of Methodism	(7) History of Methodism
H. G. Ozanne		(2) Human Behavior (6) Life of Spirit in Poets	(5) Solving C. C. Prob.	(3) Socialism and Mod. Social Problems	(2) Book of Isaiah
J. S. Hoagland	(7) Sermon	(2) Public Worship	(3b) Graded Sunday School	(4) Comparative Religion Homiletical Sugg. (3) Christianity and Social Crisis	

Numbers prefixed correspond to the numbers shown in the Course as printed in the Discipline. Books for Collateral Reading in bold face type.

Memoirs

ALUM E. TANNER

Rev. Alum E. Tanner was born in Lewis County, New York, June 22, 1839, and died at his home in Mitchell, S. D., October 21, 1916. Brother Tanner spent his boyhood days and youth on a farm, and for some time followed the occupations of cheese-maker and teacher, and later that of a traveling salesman.

He was converted at the age of twenty years but backslid and spent several years in the world's ways, until under the preaching of D. L. Moody in Chicago, he was fully reclaimed and soon began preaching the Gospel. His first charge was Conesus, New York, where, under his pastorate, the membership of the church was doubled. He united with the Genesee Conference in 1881 and continued to preach within the bounds of that Conference until coming to South Dakota in 1885, when he was stationed at Frederick, in Brown County. Here he built our church and later served as pastor at Gettysburg, Lennox, Beresford and Hudson. At several of these places he re-built the parsonages.

The faithful labors of Brother Tanner usually resulted in a revival season on every charge served. He took supernumerary relation in 1902 and retired in 1907.

As a man he was genial and brotherly; as a minister he was earnest and loyal to the work his Master called him to do. He was united in marriage November 16, 1861, to Miss Harriet A. Tanner, who, for nearly fifty-five years was his constant companion and helpmeet, sharing with him the joys and sorrows of life. His widow and two sons, Berton and Warren, remain to mourn his loss.

In 1903 the family moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, where they were residing at the time of his death and where he was highly respected by all who knew him. This brief mention cannot adequately picture the life of one of God's faithful ministers. Only eternity can reveal the blessedness of that life and the fruits of its toils and sacrifices.

WILLIAM ARNOLD GREENE

William Arnold Greene was born in Genesee County, New York, December 1, 1851, and passed away November 10, 1916, aged sixty-four years, eleven months and nine days. His education was obtained in the district schools and at the State Normal School at Brockport, New York. He was united in marriage with Miss Emma Hill, March 11, 1871, and to this union were born three children, Alta, the eldest, dying at seven years

of age; Mrs. C. H. Houston, now residing at Benton, Arkansas, and Mrs. Walter A. Christianson, of Chicago, Ill.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Greene moved to Atkinson, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming until 1881, when the family came to Hanson County, locating upon a farm in Beulah Township, where they resided for thirteen years. In 1895 Mr. Greene entered the ministry and was engaged in this work in South Dakota for thirteen years, being affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Conference. He was also engaged in the Anti-Saloon League work at Little Rock and Benton, Arkansas, being the first to take up this work south of the Mason and Dixon Line, and was Superintendent of the league work for about five years.

A few years ago Mr. Greene and family moved to Michigan, locating near the city of Alpena, and they made their home there until Mr. Greene's death. In the fore part of August Mr. Greene went to Buffalo, N. Y., for what was considered a minor surgical operation; but his ailment proved to be more serious than anticipated, and resulted in his death, after an illness of over two months. Besides the widow and two children the deceased man is survived by two brothers and two sisters—James Greene of Montana; Edward Greene of Robers, Arkansas; Mrs. C. Ferguson of Montana, and Mrs. Lydia Morrison of Minneapolis. The funeral was held from the family home, services being conducted by Rev. Crosby, and the remains were interred in the cemetery at Alpena, Mich.

Brother Greene was a lovable man. He made many warm friends, and this friendship was continued unbroken until he was called to the home above. At the various places in the state where he officiated as pastor, he was also popular with the people, irrespective of their church affiliations. He was a good citizen, and as a friend he was loyal and steadfast. Devoted to his family, their sorrow is deep and lasting and their many friends will extend tender sympathy in their time of deep bereavement.

Mr. Greene, though suffering great pain for many weeks, was always patient, and though he hoped to recover and be with his loved ones and his friends for years to come he was resigned to the will of the Redeemer; ready to go if called, and to answer the summons cheerfully. He accomplished great good during his life, and the example and precepts of his life and teachings will live long with those who knew him. He is at rest with the Master whom he loved, and in whose service he labored long and faithfully.

CHARLES EDWARD McDONALD

Charles Edward McDonald was born in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, July 17, 1886, and died at Montrose, South Dakota, November 9, 1916, aged 30 years, 3 months and 22 days.

His boyhood days were spent in Wessington Springs, where after passing through the common school he completed a business course and later a full English Course at the Wessington Springs Junior College.

He dated his beginning in the Christian life at the time of a revival meeting held by his pastor, Rev. G. D. Brown, in January, 1901. He

united with the church as a probationer at that time, but was not received as a full member until December 29, 1907.

He was reared in a Christian home. His father, C. W. McDonald, was for years a class leader, local preacher, and a teacher in the adult department of the Sunday School. His mother, a devout Christian, carefully and prayerfully reared her children and it was no wonder that Charles early felt a call to preach. After mature deliberation and something of a struggle he accepted the call and began work at Summitt, South Dakota, in the fall of 1911. He was received as a probationer in the Dakota Conference the following year. In 1915 he was received into full membership and ordained Deacon by Bishop Quayle. He served acceptably the following charges: Summit, Wessington, Esmond and Montrose.

On December 28, 1911, he was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Burington, who was a true helpmeet indeed. A boy and a girl came to bless their home, but the little girl born at Montrose, South Dakota, tarried but a few weeks and then slipped out of the mother's arms into those of her Heavenly Father.

"Ned," as he was familiarly called in his home town, was the soul of good nature, and was never so happy as when he could be of service to others. He truly scattered sunshine wherever he went. He was doing well in the ministry, and whatever might have been his future success had he lived, one thing could have been said of him, he tried his best to be faithful.

His last illness was brief. A sore appeared on his face, which became infected, and after four days of intense suffering his young life, which seemed just fairly begun, was ended and he entered into the more intimate presence of his Lord.

The Rev. I. M. Hargett, who for some time had been his pastor, and the Rev. G. W. Rosenberry, his district superintendent, assisted by the Rev. F. H. Ray, a neighboring pastor, conducted the funeral services on Sunday, November 12, 1916, and laid him away beside his baby girl at Montrose, South Dakota.

Besides a mother, three brothers, one sister and many more distant relatives, some of us, who knew him well, miss him to-day, for we loved him.

WILLIAM THOMAS FERGUSON

The Rev. William Thomas Ferguson was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1867, and died at Mt. Vernon, South Dakota, April 22, 1917.

He was the son of Episcopalian parents, and spent his early life in the coal mines. He was converted at a campmeeting in early manhood, heard the call to preach, and felt the need of educational preparation. He spent several years in Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in March, 1896, as a probationer in the St. Louis Conference. Here he served twelve years with increasing success and influence. In 1908 he was

transferred to the Dakota Conference and stationed at Gregory, South Dakota. After a remarkable pastorate of five years he moved to Mt. Vernon, South Dakota, in 1914.

Brother Ferguson was a pleasing, earnest and thoughtful preacher. He excelled, however, in his pastoral work. His attractive personality, brotherly spirit, sympathetic heart endeared him not only to his Church people, but to the entire community. He was universally loved.

He married Miss Edith Peterson, May 5, 1897, who survives him with four sons.

Dr. J. S. Hoagland, pastor of our First Church at Mitchell, gave the funeral address. He was assisted in the service by Dr. J. S. Harkness, Superintendent of the Mitchell District; Dr. G. T. Notson, executive secretary of Methodist State Hospital and the Rev. Carl Harvey of the Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchell.

Among the many floral pieces was one from the Indians sent from the Rosebud Reservation. Interment was made in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

ARCHIBALD JAMIESON

The Rev. Archibald Jamieson was born at North Gore, Ontario, Canada, March 30, 1837, and died at his home in Correctionville, Iowa, June 4, 1917. He married Miss Anna Corry at Perth, Canada, August 25, 1858, who survives. To this union were born five children. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. O. C. Foster of Correctionville, and two sons, Amos of Pasadena, California, and William I. of Miles City, Montana; also two brothers, Judge Joseph Jamieson, of Almonte, and Thomas Jamieson of Napanee, Canada.

At a campmeeting near Perth, Ontario, in 1865, Mr. Jamieson was soundly converted, and immediately felt the call to the Christian ministry. He united with the Wesleyan Church of Canada, and began at once to prepare for his life work, and for seven years was a minister in his native land before coming to the United States. In 1872 he went to Iowa, transferring his church relationship to the Methodist church and uniting with the Northwest Iowa Conference. His first charge was Webster City, and his subsequent charges in this conference were Sac City, Yankton, Clear Lake, Emmetsburg, Alden and Le Mars.

In 1883 he transferred to the newly-organized Dakota Conference and there filled some of the leading appointments. In the order named he served the following charges: Sioux Falls, Vermilion, Canton, Pierre, Elk Point, Dell Rapids, Hudson, Hartford, and Beresford. In 1905 he retired from the active work of the ministry and moved to Correctionville, Iowa, to be near his daughter, Mrs. O. C. Foster. For almost twelve years he has resided in Correctionville, and his life was a constant benediction to the community. He was always an acceptable preacher in the local pulpits, and the fast friend and best helper and adviser of the local pastors. During his active ministry his charges were alive with revival fires, and he was a valuable helper and preached in the tabernacle campaign that closed here less than two months before his death.

Next to the revival he loved the campmeeting, and for years was one of the managers and directors of the Clear Lake Campmeeting Association. He was a member also of the State and National Holiness Associations. He was an indefatigable temperance worker; prominent in the affairs of the Prohibition party, having been a candidate for Congress and also for Lieutenant-Governor of South Dakota, and at the time of his death was a member of the Iowa State Central Committee. He was the author of a little book entitled "Changed, Not Exchanged." He was universally beloved.

The funeral was held at Correctionville, June 7. The Rev. Mark Masters was in charge. The Rev. Dr. Harkness of Mitchell, South Dakota, represented the Dakota Conference, and spoke of the part Mr. Jamieson had had in developing this conference, and the Rev. W. J. Todd of Webster City took part. He was buried at Le Mars beside his son and daughter.

THOMAS HENRY YOUNGMAN

At the fitting hour of sunset on Friday, September 7, 1817, the ashes of the Rev. Thomas Henry Youngman, D.D., were laid to rest in Graceland Cemetery, Mitchell, South Dakota, the burial service being conducted by Rev. A. E. Carhart, who spoke as follows:

It is desired that this service shall be brief and simple, and free from all spectacular effects. However, it is appropriate that a few words shall be spoken.

Our brother was born in Downham, Norfolk, England, January 18, 1837, and "born again" when seventeen years of age. His conversion wrought a complete change in his interests and ambitions and he became at once earnestly engaged in the search for knowledge of things intellectual as well as spiritual. This keen thirst kept his mind alert and his heart warm up to the close of life.

At eighteen years of age he became a local preacher of the Methodist Church in which relation he continued during the next eight years. In 1863 he came to America, and joined the Oneida Conference of the M. E. Church in the State of New York, and there served during the succeeding twenty years. Owing to ill health he came to South Dakota in 1883, where in four years of out-of-door life he gained steadily in health and strength, doing meantime much school work and other preaching. He then resumed regular work and became a member of the Dakota Conference. He held pastorates at Alexandria, Woonsocket, Brookings, Mitchell and Hylon. In 1904 he became a supernumerary member and in 1906 a retired member of this Conference. He removed with his family to Canon City, Colo., in the year 1908, where he resided during the remainder of his life.

Early in February of this present year a heart affection of long standing became acute and refused to yield to treatment, causing his death June 13, 1917. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jas. F. Harris of Denver, and in response to request of the deceased the body was cremated.

Brother Youngman's ministerial services extended over a period of nearly fifty years. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Dakota Wesleyan University. In 1900 he was a delegate from this Conference to the General Conference of our church.

He was twice married; his first wife dying in 1879. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

We are about to commit to the earth to await the resurrection day all that remains of the mortal frame of one of the noblest servants of God our state has ever had within its borders. The changes wrought by time are such that if we were to call the roll of those in Mitchell who knew our brother intimately the number might not be great, but those who have felt the uplift of his blessed and varied ministry are scattered very widely over the earth, and the fruitage of his toil will endure forever.

John, the Revelator, wrot, "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, 'Write, Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.'" So I am convinced that the works of this good man are like seed scattered in fruitful soil. Their products will continue to increase while time shall last.

Some time ago I read of a sweet-spirited old lady who, in her travels, used to scatter the seeds of beautiful flowers from the car windows, hoping some of them might grow and bring cheer to the hearts of the passers-by. Brother Youngman was likewise thoughtful. I recall his scattering the seed of a useful plant he loved, hoping it might bring blessings to others after he was gone.

Those of us, who remember him well, will ever think of him as a man of dignified and noble bearing. We both loved and revered him. He seemed in a sense like one of the patriarchs of old. To people of every age and in every walk of life, but especially to young preachers, he was a warm friend and fatherly counselor. Many business and professional men found in him that broad intelligence and faithful dealing that bound them to him in a most unusual way. Wherever he went he bore with him an uplifting atmosphere. Of large frame and splendid build, his appearance in the pulpit, and in other public address, commanded close attention from every listener. Few men were as eloquent as he.

His matter was of extraordinary quality. He wrought it out with great painstaking and faithfulness. In his pulpit ministrations he was exceedingly and appropriately in earnest, and we who heard him felt as though we were listening to an oracle, so true to the Divine standards was everything he said.

He was deeply concerned with all the problems of civic life, and in every respect was as true as the needle to the pole.

His was an intensely sensitive and sympathetic nature. When the world war burst upon the nations his heart was well-nigh broken. It seemed to him as though Christian civilization had collapsed.

He died in the triumphs of the Christian faith. A letter indited near the close of life ended with these words: "One thing remains. I love thy kingdom, Lord."

We feel like saying in the beautiful words of Wesley,

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past.
The battle's fought, the victory won,
And thou art crowned at last."

Alice Beckman Hoagland

Alice Beckman Hoagland was born November 5, 1870, near Clinton, Indiana. She was graduated from the High School of that city and the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. Later she spent two years in the Emerson College of Oratory in Boston. She was a brilliant and popular student leading her classes in scholarship, and in the various activities of school life. She taught in the public schools of her home town, and in Morehead, Minnesota. While a student in the East, she was elected the assistant in the department of English literature in the Indiana State Normal School.

She was married August 27, 1895, to Rev. J. S. Hoagland, pastor of the Maple Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Terre Haute. The following year they were stationed at the First Church, Michigan City, where they remained three years. Then came a notable pastorate of nearly ten years in the College Avenue Church, Greencastle, the seat of her husband's alma mater, DePauw University. A break in her health made a change necessary, and in 1909 they were transferred to the First Church of Mitchell, South Dakota, the seat of the Dakota Wesleyan University, where she died Tuesday morning, August 7, 1917.

While her health was never firm, she was in no sense an invalid. She was efficient in all the multiplied relations of a minister's life. She was an attractive woman with a beautiful face, a graceful girlish figure and a charm of manner which was the sure mark of a lady. It was, however, her heart qualities that made her universally loved. Her soul was sensitive to the joys and sorrows of the people. To her love and sympathy none were alien. She was thoughtful of others and forgetful of herself. Unselfish to the last and to the uttermost, in her final hours she whispered to her husband, "Tell the people that I love them all. Tell them that the only way to live is out and out and all and all for Jesus." If she had a heart passion that surpassed another it was that all the young people might come to love and know her Lord.

She was a missionary enthusiast and always happy in the work of the women's societies. She was generous with her money for their work, and lavish of her time and energy in plans for their prosperity. No department of church life was foreign to her interests and coöperation. She was a persistent tither believing that one-tenth of all the money that came into the parsonage belonged to God, and that He should have His own. She was loyal to all the good movements of the community, and went to the limit of her strength in their support. She was a talented reader, and before her voice failed, gladly gave her services in the promotion of many worthy enterprises. She avoided as much as possible

public address, but when it seemed necessary that she should represent her sister she did it with rare tact and beautiful language. However, in the last analysis everybody felt that it was she even more than what she said or did that really counted.

The harvest of such a life of loving seed sowing was abundant and beautiful. The currents of unnumbered courtesies and kindnesses came back upon her in ever-increasing volume. Her friendships extended far beyond the confines of her own church fellowship. During her illness it became impossible to keep trace of the flower gifts that constantly filled her rooms, the multitude of delicacies to tempt her failing appetite and the daily greetings of love and sympathy through the mail and telephone. She was conscious, too, and greatly rejoiced in the fact that for her a great company was praying.

She wanted to live, because there was much to live for. But she was prepared to go. She knew in whom she believed. She found the Christ, whom she had often commended to others all sufficient and inexpressibly precious as the end approached. She quietly gave some directions concerning her funeral and requested to be buried here amid the associations and surroundings that had become increasingly dear to her as the years passed.

She is survived by her husband and son George Henry, and her father and two brothers. Funeral services were held at Mitchell, South Dakota, August 9, 1917, conducted by District Superintendent Dr. J. S. Harkness, assisted by District Superintendents Dr. W. S. Shepherd, Rev. P. O. Bunt, Rev. G. W. Rosenberry, also by Dr. Wm. D. Schermerhorn, President of Dakota Wesleyan University; Dr. J. P. Jenkins, Vice-President and Dr. C. V. Gilliland, Dean of Dakota Wesleyan; and Dr. G. T. Notson, Executive Secretary of the Methodist State Hospital at Mitchell; Rev. R. N. Holsapple, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, and the Rev. C. B. Harrold of Groton, South Dakota.

ANNIE HIRST KAYE

Annie Hirst Kaye was born in the County of Hampshire, England, March 25, 1863. She was married to the Rev. Mr. Kaye, June 12, 1886. In February of the following year they came to America and lived in the State of Kansas for five years. After spending a year at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, the family moved to Dakota in 1893. For twenty-four years the Rev. Mr. Kaye has been a member of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving pastorates at Wakonda, Hurley, Hartford, Valley Springs, Howard, Alpena, Garden City, Scotland and Kimball.

After an illness of less than a week Sister Kaye died August 11, 1917. Besides her husband, Mrs. Kaye is survived by five children: Albert, Superintendent of Schools at Iroquois; Mrs. Lars Grinigar of Hudson, Emily, a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan Normal Department; William, member of Troop E, First South Dakota Cavalry, and Mabel, who is at home. Three brothers and three sisters live in England. Sister Kaye was a devoted Christian, faithful in all the multiplied duties of a wife

and mother, and a true helpmeet to her husband in his work. Floral offerings, marks of the esteem in which she was held, were sent from various charges where they had served. Troop L of Kimball attended the funeral and escorted the remains to the cemetery. Troop E of Mitchell sent a beautiful wreath of flowers.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. S. Harkness, D.D., District Superintendent, assisted by the Rev. O. M. Hyde and the Rev. G. D. Egner, neighboring pastors. Burial was made at Kimball, South Dakota.

VIOLA B. GARLAND BROWN

Viola B. Garland, daughter of D. H. and Elizabeth Garland, was born in Ringgold County, Iowa, June 7, 1885. She was married to the Rev. L. F. Brown, June 7, 1911. This union was blessed with one child, Opal Elizabeth. About seventeen years ago she was converted under the ministry of the Rev. W. H. Larrick, and immediately united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. After her marriage she went with her husband to their parsonage home, which was first at Waubay, South Dakota, where they labored for two and one-half years. Following this they served the Northville charge two years, and after one year at Davis they moved to Harrisburg, one year ago. In all of these charges she left the impress for good upon the hearts and minds of all with whom she came in contact.

After months of suffering Mrs. Brown passed into the home beyond on February 19, 1917. She leaves her husband, child, father and mother, four sisters and six brothers to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held at Harrisburg, conducted by the Rev. J. S. Harkness, D.D., of Mitchell, assisted by the Rev. Eugene Allen, D.D., of Sioux Falls. Memorial services were held at her old home at Ellston, Iowa, Sunday, February 25, and the burial took place at Boone, Iowa.

JOY MARY SHURTLEFF

Joy Mary Shurtleff, daughter of the Rev. Sidney H. and Erma S. Shurtleff, was born in the East Side parsonage, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 24, 1910. The Saviour took her January 19, 1917, from the parsonage home in Tyndall, South Dakota, after six days' illness, aged six years, eight months and twenty-five days.

She came to Tyndall with her parents when two and one-half years old, and by her joyous temperament made every one she came to know her friend.

She was baptized by Bishop Luccock at the Conference session held at Redfield. She remembered this event and often spoke lovingly of the Bishop. She entered the public school January 24, 1916, and was in the second grade when she passed away.

The funeral services were conducted at Tyndall by the Rev. G. T. Notson, D.D., of Mitchell, Sunday afternoon, January 21, 1917, and not-

withstanding one of the worst storms of the season was prevailing without the church was packed to the doors with sympathizing friends and parishioners, who did all within their power to lighten the stroke that had fallen upon their beloved pastor and his wife.

Joy was most appropriately named. Her brief but beautiful life was an occasion of joy to all who knew her. She was of a deeply religious nature, and her clear apprehension of spiritual truths was a constant marvel to those who knew her best.

To her the Saviour's presence was very real, and her prayer life was inspiring and uplifting, free from cant phrases and forms. Such is the meager story of a beautiful child life, which holds within its memories suggestions and hopes dearer than life itself. Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY

Name	Place of Death	Time of Death.	Age	Years in Ministry	Conference Relation
John M. Rust.....	Vermilion, D.....	1871	41	15	..... Effective
Thomas M. Williams..	Bridgewater, D.....	1881	50	24	..... Effective
William H. Hoadley....	Huron, D.....	1886	51	16	... Supernum.
T. S. Hunt.....	Aurora, Ind.....	1887	57	16	..... Effective
Wm. H. Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76	..	..... Effective
Wm. Vivian	San Fernando, Cal..	1888	45	8	... Supernum.
Chas. B. Gilbert.....	St. Catherine, Can..	1889	..	1	.. Probationer
Stanley B. Smith.....	Pierpont, S. D.....	1889	..	1	.. Probationer
Ira A. Sparks.....	Armour, S. D.....	1894	29	9	..... Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown...	Thomasburg, Ont....	1894	32	6	..... Superan.
Geo. B. Dodd.....	Colman, S. D.....	1895	36	2	.. Probationer
Nathan Fawell.....	Black Hills.....	1897	34	6	..... Effective
A. R. Boggs.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1899	64	29	..... Superan.
Oliver H. Sproul.....	Northville, S. D....	1899	53	26	..... Effective
Francis A. Burdick....	University Pl., Neb..	1900	28	43	..... Superan.
H. T. Curl.....	Oakland, Cal.....	1901	60	33	..... Superan.
Hiram S. Coon.....	Kampeska, S. D....	1902	45	6	..... Effective
Colin T. Cooper.....	Faulkton, S. D.....	1903	35	4	..... Effective
Geo. H. Parker.....	Andover, S. D.....	1903	35	8	..... Effective
Sanford Washburn....	Chicago, Ill.....	1904	74	41	..... Superan.
Francis T. Nichols.....	Alcester, S. D.....	1904	46	15	..... Effective
William H. Cory.....	Seattle, Wash.....	1904	54	19	... Supernum.
Wm. Underwood.....	White Lake, S. D....	1906	74	53	..... Superan.
Lachlan McLean.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1907	59	26	..... Effective
Thomas H. Walker.....	Siloam Springs, Ark.	1908	72	36	..... Superan.
Samuel F. Brown.....	Selby, S. D.....	1908	83	49	..... Superan.
Henry Preston.....	DeSmet, S. D.....	1909	40	10	..... Effective
W. F. Minty.....	Ethan, S. D.....	1911	67	38	..... Superan.
Oliver Williams.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1910	75	45	..... Superan.
Frank Fox.....	Des Moines, Ia.....	1911	45	13	... Supernum.
Henry M. Springer....	Hartford, Vt.....	1913	70	52	..... Retired
Francis J. Norton.....	Yankton, S. D.....	1912	61	..	..... Retired
Thos. Wilkinson.....	Siloam Springs, Ark.	1914	76	44	..... Retired
Duane Rifenbark.....	Big Stone City, S. D.	1915	66	35	..... Retired
Reuben N. Kratz.....	Sterling, O.....	1914	69	..	... Supernum.
Ernest Holgate.....	Redfield, S. D.....	1915	..	11	..... Effective
T. H. Youngman	Canon City, Colo....	1917	80	61	..... Retired
A. E. Tanner	Mitchell	1916	78	36	..... Retired
W. A. Greene	Alpena, Mich.....	1916	65	22	... Supernum.
C. E. McDonald	Montrose, S. D.....	1916	30	6	..... Effective
W. T. Ferguson	Mt. Vernon, S. D....	1917	51	21	..... Effective
A. Jamison	Correctionville, Ia...	1917	80	52	..... Retired

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE

Date	Place	President	Mem'rs	Secretary
Sept., 1880,	Yankton	Bishop Warren	1050	... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1881,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Hurst	1366	... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1882,	Parker	Bishop Merrill	1504	... Wm. McCready
Oct., 1883,	Huron	Bishop Simpson	2782	.... D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1884,	Mitchell	Bishop Andrews	4469	.... D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1885,	Blunt	Bishop Foss	5209	.... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1886,	Watertown	Bishop Bowman	6565	.... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1887,	Aberdeen	Bishop Fowler	8225	.... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1888,	Yankton	Bishop Walden	9474	.... A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1889,	Huron	Bishop Vincent	10526	... W. H. Jordan
Oct., 1890,	Mitchell	Bishop Fitzgerald	9663	... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1891,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Foss	9006	.. A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1892,	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	9170	.. A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1893,	Brookings	Bishop Ninde	9749	... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1894,	Watertown	Bishop Fowler	10094	... G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1895,	Aberdeen	Bishop Joyce	9510	.... C. H. Smith
Oct., 1896,	Vermilion	Bishop Vincent	9335	.... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1897,	Mitchell	Bishop Warren	9269	.... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1898,	Parker	Bishop McCabe	10429	.... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1899,	Huron	Bishop Hurst	10960	.... J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1900,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Merrill	11324	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1901,	Milbank	Bishop Foss	11430	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1902,	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	11187	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1903,	Aberdeen	Bishop Walden	11440	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1904,	Mitchell	Bishop Hamilton	11881	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1905,	Watertown	Bishop Warren	12522	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1906,	Brookings	Bishop Cranston	12766	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1907,	Vermilion	Bishop McDowell	13402	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1908,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Wilson	14759	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1909,	Huron	Bishop Nuelsen	15673	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1910,	Mitchell	Bishop Nuelsen	16242	.... G. T. Notson
Oct., 1911,	Aberdeen	Bishop McIntyre	15751	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1912,	Yankton	Bishop Luccock	16349	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1913,	Redfield	Bishop Luccock	18592	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1914,	Wessington Springs	Bishop Luccock	18814	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1915,	Sioux Falls	Bishop Quayle	19214	.... G. D. Brown
Sept., 1916,	Watertown	Bishop Mitchell	19667	.... G. D. Brown
Oct., 1917,	Pierre	Bishop Mitchell	20830	.... G. D. Brown

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES OF DAKOTA CONFERENCE

1888

Ministerial

Wm. Bush, D.D., Mitchell, S. D.
A. D. Traveller, D.D., Watertown,
S. D., reserve

Laymen

D. W. Diggs, Milbank, S. D.
Mrs. I. M. Hartsough, Sioux Falls,
reserve

1892

C. B. Clark, D.D., Mitchell
A. W. Adkinson, Watertown
W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls, reserve
F. A. Burdick, Aberdeen, reserve

H. E. Kratz, Vermilion
E. T. Langley, Huron
D. W. Diggs, Milbank, reserve
T. W. P. Lee, Ashton, reserve

1896

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
C. B. Clark, Huron
C. E. Hager, Vermilion, reserve
J. S. Akers, Aberdeen, reserve

W. F. T. Bushnell, Aberdeen
R. N. Kratz, Mitchell
A. B. Van Camp, Highmore, reserve
Mrs. A. M. Pickler, Faulkton, re-
serve

1900

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
T. H. Youngman, Mitchell
C. E. Hager, Mitchell, reserve
J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls, reserve

S. E. Morris, Redfield
H. S. Mouser, Redfield
H. G. Tilton, Vermilion, reserve
R. N. Kratz, Mitchell, reserve

1904

W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls
Duane Rifenbark, Watertown
C. E. Hager, Mitchell, reserve
J. O. Dobson, Huron, reserve

H. G. Tilton, Vermilion
Ira A. Barns, Aberdeen
H. S. Mouser, Huron, reserve
S. E. Morris, Redfield, reserve
Nathan Noble, Centerville, reserve

1908

Thos. Nicholson, Mitchell
J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls
J. O. Dobson, Mitchell
W. I. Graham, Watertown, reserve
C. E. Hager, Huron, reserve

S. E. Morris, Mitchell
H. G. Tilton, Vermilion
G. F. Knappen, Brookings
Dr. W. E. Daniels, Madison, reserve
Phillip Lawrence, Huron, reserve

1912

Thos. Nicholson, New York
G. T. Notson, Huron
A. C. Shepherd, Sioux Falls
J. P. Jenkins, Mitchell, reserve
J. S. Hoagland, Mitchell, reserve

R. S. Vessey, Pierre
S. E. Morris, Mitchell
W. E. Carpenter, Andover
F. S. Brown, Doland, reserve
J. M. Johnston, Bradley, reserve

1916

Thomas Nicholson, New York
J. S. Hoagland, Mitchell
J. S. Harkness, Mitchell
O. E. Boyce, Huron, reserve
G. T. Notson, Mitchell, reserve
W. T. McConnell, Wessington
Springs

W. E. Carpenter, Andover
W. E. Daniels, Madison
E. E. Collins, Vermilion, reserve.
J. M. Johnston, Bradley, reserve
Dr. Fred Minty, Rapid City, reserve

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

Aberdeen District

Agar	\$ 200	Peever	\$ 100
Bristol	100	Timberlake	250
Corona and Twin Brooks...	100	Faith	400
De Voe	200	Lemmon	300
Frederick	100	Westport	150
Langford	200	Mound City and Herreid....	150
Leola	200		
Seneca	100		<hr/> \$2,550

Mitchell District

Burke	\$ 200	Lakeview Circuit	\$ 200
Dallas	200	Springfield	150
Colome	150	Virgil	100
Farmer	100	Winner	200
Farwell	200	Kimball	200
Herrick and St. Charles.....	200		
Iona and Hamil	200		<hr/> \$2,100

Rapid City District

District	\$1,200	Oral	\$ 300
Belle Fourche	200	Philip	275
Boneita Springs	200	Piedmont	300
Caputa	250	Plainview	275
Custer	200	Presho	200
Draper	200	Quinn	250
Edgemont	200	Reliance	280
Fairburn	75	Sturgis	215
Harding	300	Weta and Interior	200
Keystone	100	Wall	100
Midland and Hayes	240	White River	300
Newell	300		
Nowlin	300		<hr/> \$6,660
Oelrichs	200		

Sioux Falls District

Bridgewater	\$ 100	Garretson	\$ 100
Centerville	60	Hudson	100
Chester	75	Irene	125
Davis	200	Pioneer	200
Ellis	50		
East Side, Sioux Falls	200		<hr/> \$1,210

*THIRTY-THIRD SESSION***Watertown District**

Aurora and Trenton	\$ 60	Clear Lake	\$ 100
Blunt and Harrold	100	DeSmet	80
Broadland	100	Oldham	100
Bruce	180	St. Lawrence	140
Castlewood	80	Wessington	60
Cavour	80		
Chapelle Circuit	100		<hr/>
			\$1,180

Record of Membership

Note—When a Conference is mentioned in connection with a member's record all transactions that follow are in the same Conference until another Conference is mentioned.

Allan, W. N., entered itinerancy Dakota 1915, full member 1917. Deacon 1917. Undergraduate.

Allen, Eugene, transferred from North Indiana 1916.

Alley, Henry C., transferred from Northwest Indiana 1915. Deacon 1915. Elder 1917.

Bennett, A. E., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa, transferred to Dakota 1908. Supernumerary 1917.

Black, W. A., entered itinerancy Troy 1881, probation 1882, full member 1884, transferred to Northwest Iowa 1886, to Des Moines 1908, to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1884. Elder 1886.

Book, G. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1912, full member 1914. Deacon 1914. Undergraduate.

Boslaugh, C. C., entered itinerancy Dakota 1904, probation 1905, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder 1911.

Boyce, O. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1902. Deacon 1902. Elder 1904.

Bromaghim, F. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1891, full member 1895. Deacon 1895. Elder 1898.

Brown, G. D., entered itinerancy Dakota 1892, probation 1895, full member 1895. Deacon 1897. Elder 1900.

Brown, S. E., entered itinerancy Des Moines 1888, full member 1890, transferred to Dakota 1909. Deacon 1890. Elder 1892.

Bruce, R. A., entered itinerancy Missouri 1901, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1911.

Bunt, P. O., entered itinerancy Dakota 1900, full member 1902. Deacon 1902. Elder 1904.

Bunton, H. W., entered itinerancy Kentucky 1907, full member 1909, transferred to Dakota 1914. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911.

Buriff, A. E., entered itinerancy Iowa, transferred to Dakota 1909.

Butterfield, O. W., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1901, transferred to Dakota 1902, full member 1903, supernumerary 1909, effective 1911. Deacon 1901. Elder 1906.

Calfee, W. J., entered itinerancy Nebraska 1889, transferred to Dakota 1898, to Nebraska 1900, to Dakota 1906.

Carhart, A. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, full member 1892. Deacon 1892. Elder 1894.

Case, H. L., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1892, probation 1893, full member 1895, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1895. Elder 1897.

Chamberlain, D. W., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1872, full member 1876, to Dakota Mission 1875, retired 1887, charter member. Deacon 1876. Elder 1880.

Clark, C. B., entered itinerancy Iowa 1864, full member 1866, transferred to Dakota 1886, retired 1914. Deacon 1866. Elder 1868.

Corwin, G. J., entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1881, probation 1883, full member 1886, charter probationer, retired 1908. Deacon 1886. Elder 1888.

Courtney, A. N., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Darling, L. W., entered itinerancy Minnesota 1896, probation Dakota 1906, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Undergraduate.

Davies, Thomas, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1910, full member 1912. Deacon 1912. Elected elder 1914, ordained 1915.

Dean, E. E., entered itinerancy 1889, probation 1893, full member 1896, supernumerary 1909, retired 1912. Deacon 1896. Elder 1900.

Deeble, W. D., entered itinerancy Dakota 1886, full member 1888, retired 1913. Deacon 1886. Elder 1890.

Dennison, C. B., entered itinerancy Dakota 1911, probation 1912, full member 1914. Deacon 1914. Undergraduate.

Deller, W. N. entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, probation 1910, full member 1913. Deacon 1912. Elder 1914.

Dibble, J. B., entered itinerancy Dakota 1886, probation 1888, full member 1890, transferred to Nebraska 1911, to Dakota 1912. Deacon 1890. Elder 1892.

Dobson, J. O., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1883, full member 1885, transferred to Dakota 1892. Deacon 1885. Elder 1886.

Douglass, W. J., entered itinerancy West Nebraska 1903, probation 1902, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1908, supernumerary 1912. Deacon 1905. Elder 1909.

Dunn, F. B., entered itinerancy Des Moines 1885, full member 1888, transferred to Dakota 1904. Deacon 1888. Elder 1890.

Eberhart, H. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1905, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder 1909.

Ebert, J. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1912, full member 1913. Deacon 1912. Elder 1914.

Edwards, J. A., entered itinerancy Montreal, Canadian Methodist 1895, admitted on credentials as Elder, Northwest Iowa 1900, missionary to Black Hills 1910, transferred to Dakota 1913.

Egner, G. D., entered itinerancy Northwest Nebraska 1904, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1908. Deacon 1906. Elder 1909.

Evans, J. D., entered itinerancy Holston 1908, full member 1910, transferred to Dakota 1911, supernumerary 1911, effective 1912, supernumerary 1913. Deacon 1910. Elected elder's orders 1916 (not ordained).

Faith, F. M., entered itinerancy Nebraska 1900, probation Black Hills Mission 1901, full member Nebraska 1903, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1903. Elder 1906.

Fanebust, Nels, entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, full member 1911. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911.

Farr, H. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1903, supernumerary 1908, located 1913, readmitted 1914, retired 1914. Deacon 1903. Elder 1903 (Missionary rule).

Fish, E. J., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1896, joined Free Methodists 1892, admitted on credentials to Northwest Nebraska 1911, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1900. Elder 1902.

Franklin, J. F., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1896, probation Minnesota 1902, full member West Wisconsin 1907, transferred to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1907. Elder 1910.

Freeman, O. M., entered itinerancy Northwest Kansas 1908, probation 1909, full member 1910, transferred from Northwest Kansas 1915. Deacon 1909. Elder 1912.

Gage, G. N., entered itinerancy Erie 1896, full member 1900, located 1908, readmitted Dakota 1912. Deacon 1897. Elder 1901.

Gale, W. E., entered itinerancy Northern New York 1895, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1908. Supernumerary 1915, effective 1916.

Gardner, Paul, entered itinerancy Des Moines 1898, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1905. Deacon 1900. Elder 1902.

Gilliland, C. V., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1897, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1905, to St. Louis 1912, to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1900. Elder 1902.

Gough, H. D., received by credentials from Christian Church and recognized as Deacon 1916. Undergraduate.

Graves, W. N., entered itinerancy Des Moines 1897, probation 1898, full member 1901, transferred to Dakota 1915. Deacon 1901. Elder 1903.

Graf, C. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, full member 1909. Deacon 1909. Elder 1911.

Graham, W. I., entered itinerancy 1876, full member 1878, transferred to South Kansas—to Dakota 1897, supernumerary 1910, retired 1914. Deacon 1878. Elder 1892.

Gram, W. O., entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, probation 1891, full member 1893, supernumerary 1898, retired 1901. Deacon 1893. Not an Elder.

Gurney, J. T., entered itinerancy Detroit 1893, probation 1894, transferred to Dakota 1896, transferred to Detroit 1896, to Dakota 1900. Deacon 1896. Elder 1913.

Hager, C. E., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1876, probation 1877, full member 1878, transferred to Dakota Mission 1883, charter member. Deacon 1878. Elder 1880.

Hall, E. P., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Hall, J. G., entered itinerancy Ohio 1876, probation 1877, full member 1879, transferred to Dakota 1886, retired 1899.

Halter, A. A., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Hanson, Chriss C., entered itinerancy 1915, full member 1917. Deacon 1917. Undergraduate.

Hargett, I. M., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1902, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1906. Elder 1908.

Harkness, J. S., entered itinerancy Wesleyan Church 1889, entered Dakota on credentials as an Elder 1894.

Harrold, C. B., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911. Deacon 1909. Elder 1911.

Hartsough, Lewis, entered itinerancy Oneida 1851, full member 1853, transferred to Dakota Mission 1880, charter member, supernumerary 1889, retired 1892. Deacon 1853. Elder 1855.

Hartt, Albert, entered itinerancy East Maine Conference 1903, transferred to Dakota 1909. Chaplain 1st S. D. Regiment Cavalry.

Hartung, W. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1906, full member 1909. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911. Supernumerary 1915, effective 1916.

Hatfield, E. E., received on his credentials from Free Methodist Church and recognized as an Elder 1917.

Hoagland, J. S., entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1892, full member 1894, transferred to Dakota 1908. Deacon 1894. Elder 1896.

Hocking, A. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, full member 1909. Deacon 1909. Elder 1911.

Holmes, E. E., entered itinerancy Indiana 1903, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1911. Deacon 1903. Elder 1907. Supernumerary 1916.

Hoyer, A. J., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1913.

Hughes R. B., entered itinerancy Black Hills 1897, full member Des Moines 1902, transferred to Dakota 1906. Deacon 1897. Elder 1897.

Hubbard, B. I., entered itinerancy Free Methodist Church, was received into Dakota on credentials as a Deacon 1915. Undergraduate.

Hunter, J. M., entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, full member 1908. Deacon 1908. Elder 1910.

Hunt, E. E., entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1894, full member 1896, transferred to Dakota 1908, to Illinois 1909, to Dakota 1911. Deacon 1896. Elder 1901.

Hyde, O. M., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1903. Deacon 1903. Elder 1905.

Jackson, O. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1910, full member 1912. Deacon 1912. Elder 1916.

Janes, A. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1888, full member 1890. Deacon 1890. Elder 1894.

Jenkins, J. P., entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1883, probation 1884, charter probationer, full member 1887. Deacon 1884. Elder 1889.

Johnson, N. P., entered itinerancy Utah 1891, probation Western Norwegian-Danish 1892, full member 1894, transferred to Dakota 1899. Deacon 1894. Elder 1899.

Kaye, John, entered itinerancy Dakota 1893, probation 1895, full member 1897. Deacon 1897. Elder 1899.

Kearton, J. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1903, full member 1905. Deacon 1905. Elder 1908.

Kilbourn, K. P., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Lawson, P. J., entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1901, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1899. Elder 1901.

Lane, L. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1896, full member 1899. Deacon 1899. Elder 1901.

Layne, L. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder 1909.

Lee, Harry, entered itinerancy East Maine 1902, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1904. Elder 1907.

Lewis, B. H., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Loomis, W. T., entered itinerancy on his credentials from the Christian Church as a Deacon 1915.

Lott, A. M., entered itinerancy Northwest Kansas 1886, full member 1889, transferred to Dakota 1912.

Loveall, A. S., entered itinerancy West Virginia 1880, full member 1882, transferred to Dakota 1905, retired 1915. Deacon 1880. Elder 1884.

Lowrie, S. B., entered itinerancy Wisconsin, transferred to Dakota 1914, full member 1916. Deacon 1914. Elder 1916.

Lucas, J. W., entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, transferred to Cincinnati 1891, full member 1893, transferred to Dakota 1904, located 1905, readmitted 1907. Deacon 1893. Elder 1896.

Lyles, C. S., transferred from Des Moines 1916.

Machemer, E. O., entered itinerancy Rock River 1900, probation Dakota 1904, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder 1910.

MacLean, A. C., entered itinerancy Dakota 1900, probation 1902, full member 1904. Deacon 1904. Elder 1906.

Marble, S. W., entered itinerancy 1912, full member 1915. Deacon 1915. Undergraduate.

Matteson, C. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, full member 1892, transferred to Northwest Iowa 1902, to Dakota 1912. Deacon 1892. Elder 1894.

Minkler, R. G., entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1905, full member 1908, transferred to Dakota 1911. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911.

MacBeth, P. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1901, full member 1903. Deacon 1903. Elder 1905.

McDonald, L. A., entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, probation 1906, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1913.

McKinney, J. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, transferred to North Dakota 1904, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1905. Elder 1911.

McReynolds, R. C., entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1885, full member North Nebraska 1888, transferred to Dakota 1913, retired 1915. Deacon 1886. Elder 1891.

Minish, H. W., entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1903, probationer New York East 1907, full member 1909, transferred to Dakota 1913. Deacon 1907. Elder 1909.

Morrison, F. E., entered itinerancy Iowa 1904, full member 1906. Transferred to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1906. Elder 1908.

Nash, H. B., entered itinerancy West Wisconsin, transferred to Dakota 1914, full member 1916. Deacon 1916. Undergraduate.

Nicholson, Thomas, entered itinerancy Michigan 1884, probation 1885, full member 1887, transferred to Dakota 1903. Deacon 1887. Elder 1889. Bishop 1916.

Nickerson, M. E., entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1882, full member Northwest Iowa 1884, charter member Dakota, supernumerary 1903, effective 1908. Deacon 1884. Elder 1887.

Notson, G. T., entered itinerancy Des Moines 1890, full member 1893, transferred to Dakota 1894. Deacon 1893. Elder 1896.

Norvell, J. E., entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1882, charter member, supernumerary 1912. Deacon 1882. Elder 1888.

Oakley, J. N., entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, probation 1908, full member 1910. Deacon 1910. Elder 1912.

Olson, A. L., probation 1915, full member 1917. Deacon 1915. Elder 1917.

Osborn, G. T., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Ozanne, H. G., missionary to India 1900, full member North India 1906, transferred to Dakota 1907. Deacon 1906. Elder 1909.

Page, F. C., entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, probation 1907, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1914.

Payne, J. R., entered itinerancy Iowa, transferred to Dakota 1906, supernumerary 1910, effective 1915, supernumerary 1916.

Potter, I. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, full member 1897. Deacon 1895. Elder 1899.

Phillips, O. A., entered itinerancy United Brethren 1863, received into Minnesota on credentials as an Elder 1880, charter member Dakota, retired 1906.

Plannette, R. W., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Rawlinson, Fred, entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, probation 1908, full member 1910. Deacon 1910. Elder 1912.

Ray, Fred, entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1899, transferred to Dakota 1907, full member 1908. Deacon 1908. Elder 1914.

Redfield, W. O., entered itinerancy Dakota 1887, probation 1888, full member 1890. Deacon 1890. Elder 1892.

Redmayne, Ernest, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1911, full member 1913. Deacon 1913. Elder 1915.

Rice, H. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1910, full member 1912. Deacon 1912. Elder 1915.

Rising, Lloyd H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1914, full member 1916. Deacon 1916. Undergraduate.

Rodgers, C. W., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Ronshausen, A. A., entered itinerancy Dakota 1911, transferred to Minnesota 1912, to Dakota 1917.

Rosenberry, G. W., entered itinerancy Central New York 1893, full member 1895, transferred to Dakota 1901. Deacon 1895. Elder 1897.

Saxton, E. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, full member 1903. Deacon 1901. Elder 1903.

Schermerhorn, W. D., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Shearer, R. C., entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, full member 1908. Deacon 1908. Elder 1911.

Sheldon, L. J., entered itinerancy 1910, probation 1911, full member 1913, transferred to Dakota 1916. Deacon 1913. Elder 1915.

Shepherd, W. S., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1896, full member 1898. Deacon 1898. Elder 1900.

Shurtleff, S. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1898, probation 1903, full member 1905. Deacon 1904. Elder 1907.

Simmons, Thomas, entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1873, full member 1876, charter member Dakota, supernumerary 1900, effective 1905, supernumerary 1908, retired 1912. Deacon 1876. Elder 1878.

Slocum, W. P., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1902, transferred to Nebraska 1909, to Dakota 1914. Deacon 1902. Elder 1904.

Smith, J. T. B., entered itinerancy Northern Minnesota 1896, full member 1898, transferred to Dakota 1911. Deacon 1898. Elder 1901.

Spencer, J. H., transferred from Detroit, 1916.

Spitz, S. F., entered itinerancy North Indiana 1894, full member 1896, transferred to Northern Minnesota 1905, to Dakota 1906, located 1908, readmitted 1911. Deacon 1896. Elder 1898.

Stansell, Gilbert, transferred to Dakota 1917.

Stebbins, C. M., entered itinerancy Vermont 1889, probation 1890, full member 1892, transferred to Troy 1906, to Dakota 1906, supernumerary 1913. Deacon 1892. Elder 1896.

Stevens, J. D., entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, probation 1907, full member 1909. Deacon 1909. Elder 1912.

Stiles, B. F., entered itinerancy United Brethren, probation Dakota 1900, full member 1903, located 1908, readmitted 1913, supernumerary 1915. Deacon 1903. Undergraduate.

Tanner, Frank, entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, probation 1911, full member 1913. Deacon 1913. Elder 1916.

Tarleton, R. E., entered itinerancy New York, probation Dakota 1902, full member 1905. Deacon 1901. Elder 1907.

Thomas, Martin, entered itinerancy Black Hills Mission 1899, full member Dakota 1901. Deacon 1901. Elder 1903.

Thurston, A. W., entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, full member 1897. Deacon 1897. Elder 1899.

Trevithick, T. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1888, full member 1892, transferred to Upper Iowa 1895, to Dakota 1905. Deacon 1892. Elder 1894.

Vernon, E. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911. Deacon 1911. Elder 1913.

Waltz, W. J., transferred to Dakota 1913, supernumerary 1914.

Weston, P. H., entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1901, full member 1907. Deacon 1907. Elder.

Weir, Samuel, entered itinerancy Detroit 1882, full member 1884, transferred to Rock River 1887, to Dakota 1910. Deacon 1884. Elder 1886.

White, G. C., transferred to Dakota 1917.

Wilbur, T. B., entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1901, full member 1903, transferred to Dakota from St. John's River 1910. Deacon 1903. Elder 1905.

Wilcox, C. E., entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, full member 1908. Deacon 1906. Elder 1908.

Wilder, G. B., received on credentials from the Congregational Church and recognized as an Elder 1916.

Willey, J. A., entered itinerancy West Wisconsin 1883, full member 1885, transferred to Dakota 1908, retired 1914.

Wilson, A. L., entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1911, full member 1914. Deacon 1914. Elder 1916.

Laymen's Association

October 12, 1917, Baptist Church

Registration of Delegates: 8:30 to 9:20 o'clock A. M.

Meeting called to order by W. M. McDonald, President.

Opened with prayer by L. W. Stillwell of Deadwood.

Song—"More About Jesus."

Greeting by President W. M. McDonald.

Closed with prayer by the President.

At 9:40 started auto tour of city and visit to State House.

WM. J. MUNDT, Secretary.

Afternoon Session

Meeting called to order by W. M. McDonald, President, at 2:00 P. M.

Praise service led by M. M. Ramer, No. 19 in "Songs of Praise" and No. 173, "Where He Leads Me." Scripture reading a part of the 14th chapter of St. John.

Prayer by S. E. Morris of Mitchell and others. Closing song No. 242—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

2:30, Annual address by Rev. W. D. Schermerhorn, D.D., on "The Task of the Church and Its Equipment."

At the business session the Secretary and Treasurer made his annual report as follows:

Amount received from former Secretary and Treasurer, A. D.

Downey	\$25.54
Interest on same received on Certificate of Deposit.....	.64

Total receipts	\$26.18
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Expenses incurred for year as follows:

For printing of Minutes in Conference Annual.....	\$10.00
For stamps, post cards and large envelopes	6.79
For printing 500 copies of Lay Constitution.....	5.00
For printing 200 post cards, two sides.....	2.00
For printing 200 circular letters.....	3.00
For printing 5 pages in Conference Program.....	7.50

Total expenses for year.....	\$34.29
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Deficit, \$8.11.

President W. M. McDonald asked for collection to meet deficit and provide funds for ensuing year. H. E. Dawes and J. S. Fargo were appointed tellers and reported \$15.65 as total collection, thus leaving a balance of \$7.45 on hand over and above the deficit.

Later Brother W. A. Carpenter, Andover, turned in to the Treasurer \$2.50 for the pro rata of Andover charge to cover their one-fourth of one per cent toward the expense fund. Total on hand, \$10.04.

NOTE:—The Constitution provides that each charge shall contribute toward the expense fund on the basis of one-fourth of one per cent of the pastor's salary. On \$1,000 salary that equals \$2.50. Lay members should bear this in mind and bring in their portion at the next meeting to be held at Madison, South Dakota.

The Delegates of the five districts assembled by districts and elected their representatives on the following Standing Committees: On Dakota University, on Church and State, on Resolutions and on Nominations. Each district naming its representatives on committees in respective order as above given.

Aberdeen District elected—R. N. Axford, John Eyestone, U. G. Johnson, and W. Carpenter.

Watertown District elected—C. T. Liddle, Wm. J. Mundt, G. F. Knappen and M. M. Ramer.

Rapid City District elected—C. A. Wilson, L. W. Stillwell, E. J. Wills and Chas. P. House.

Mitchell District elected—C. E. Morris, J. F. Way, H. E. Dawes and Mrs. J. P. Jenkins.

Sioux Falls District elected—F. J. Mundt, J. F. Cooley, Frank Thompson and I. P. Babcock. That election gives following committees:

On Dakota University—R. N. Axford, C. T. Liddle, C. A. Wilson, S. E. Morris and F. J. Mundt.

On Church and State—John Eyestone, Wm. J. Mundt, L. W. Stillwell, J. F. Way and J. F. Cooley.

On Resolutions—U. G. Johnson, G. F. Knappen, E. J. Wills, H. E. Dawes and Frank Thompson.

On Nominations—W. Carpenter, M. M. Ramer, Chas. P. House, Mrs. J. P. Jenkins and I. P. Babcock.

On motion adjourned.

WM. J. MUNDT, Secretary.

October 13, 1917, at Baptist Church

Morning Session

9:30—Praise and Testimony service led by Dr. C. S. Bobb. Songs No. 173—"Where He Leads Me," No. 274—"Whiter Than Snow." Scripture reading, First fourteen verses of the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy. Many testimonies. Closing song—"Jesus is All the World to Me."

10:00—Discussion of Question: "Shall the lay membership of the church have equal representation in the Bishop's Cabinet at our Annual Conferences?"

Affirmative speakers: U. G. Johnson and S. E. Morris.

Negative Speakers: G. F. Knappen and Mr. Williamson of Kennebec.

Following resolution presented by J. F. Cooley, on motion for its adoption and seconded by A. N. VanCamp. On vote showed 10 for and 20 against:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Laymen's Association of the Dakota Conference of the M. E. Church, in annual convention assembled, that the laymen of the church shall and of right ought to have representation in the Bishop's Cabinet at Annual Conferences."

Afternoon Session

2:00—Praise service conducted by President W. M. McDonald.

2:30—Address on Dakota Wesleyan, Dr. W. D. Schermerhorn, D.D. Introduction of J. William Chaney, of Chicago, Missionary to South America.

3:30—Addresses on Methodist Polity by W. Carpenter, L. W. Stillwell, M. M. Ramer and F. E. Van De Mark.

Reports of Committees were next presented.

On Resolutions, by U. G. Johnson. On motion adopted.

On Dakota Wesleyan, by R. N. Axford. On motion adopted.

On Church and State, by J. F. Cooley. On motion adopted.

Committee on Nominations presented the following report. By W. Carpenter, Chairman.

For President—U. G. Johnson, of Redfield, S. D.

For Secretary and Treasurer—Wm. J. Mundt, of Pierre, S. D.

Vice-Presidents: Aberdeen District—R. N. Axford, Aberdeen, S. D.; Mitchell District—C. S. Bobb, Mitchell, S. D.; Watertown District—J. W. Lane, Iroquois, S. D.; Sioux Falls District—F. J. Mundt, Madison, S. D.; Rapid City District—C. A. Wilson, Hot Springs, S. D.

On proper motion the report was adopted and the respective officers were duly elected.

On motion adjourned sine die.

WM. J. MUNDT, Secretary.

Note—All lay members should bear in mind that each charge is entitled to one delegate for every forty members or major fraction thereof, provided, however, that each charge shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

RESOLUTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS—LAY ASSOCIATION, M. E. CHURCH OF DAKOTA CONFERENCE, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA.

October 13, 1917

By Committee on Resolutions:

Resolved:—

1st. That we appreciate the courtesy of the Annual Conference in inviting this association to sit with them during their forenoon session, and for the gracious and inspiring address of Bishop Mitchell to us on that occasion.

2nd. That we extend our gratitude to the present officers of the Lay Association and especially to the Secretary, Brother Wm. J. Mundt, for his untiring efforts to make the program a success.

3rd. That we, the Laymen of the Church and citizens of South Dakota, express our pleasure and give thanks to Almighty God for the fact of state-wide Prohibition and congratulate the people of the state for the loyal way in which they are rallying to the support of our Prohibition Law, and we pledge our further support to the Anti-Saloon League of our state to whom most of the credit for the success of state-wide Prohibition is due, and we express our admiration and regard for the

Congress of the United States for the effective temperance legislation they have given the country and for the splendid prospect we have for National Prohibition.

4th. That we express our gratitude to the people of Pierre for their hospitality, and to the officials of the Baptist Church who have tendered to us the use of their church building without compensation, for the meetings of this association.

U. G. JOHNSON, Chairman,
E. J. WILLS,
FRANK THOMPSON,
G. F. KNAPPEN,
H. E. DAWES.

By Committee on Church and State:

Resolved:—

1st. That we commend the purpose and act of Governor Norbeck in his proclamation in establishing Sunday, November 4, as special "Go to Sunday School Day," and we earnestly recommend the coöperation of all in carrying out the purpose of the proclamation.

2nd. That we commend the patriotic action of President Wilson and Governor Norbeck in their valiant action in support of this country in connection with the war.

3rd. That we commend the services of the Red Cross Society and the Army Young Men's Christian Association as the means of coöperation for righteousness among the soldiers of this and other countries. And we would especially urge the hearty moral and financial support of all good citizens to their splendid work.

4th. That we urge upon all pastors greater endeavor for the extension of evangelization in their local charges and we hereby pledge our coöperation and support in their endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. STILLWELL, Chairman,
J. F. COOLEY,
WM. J. MUNDT,
J. F. WAY.

WM. J. MUNDT,
Secretary Lay Association.

By Committee on Dakota Wesleyan University:

Resolved:—

1st. That the Lay Association of Dakota Conference once more record its profound gratitude for the faithful, efficient and heroic services rendered by the President of Dakota Wesleyan University from its earliest beginnings to the present administration.

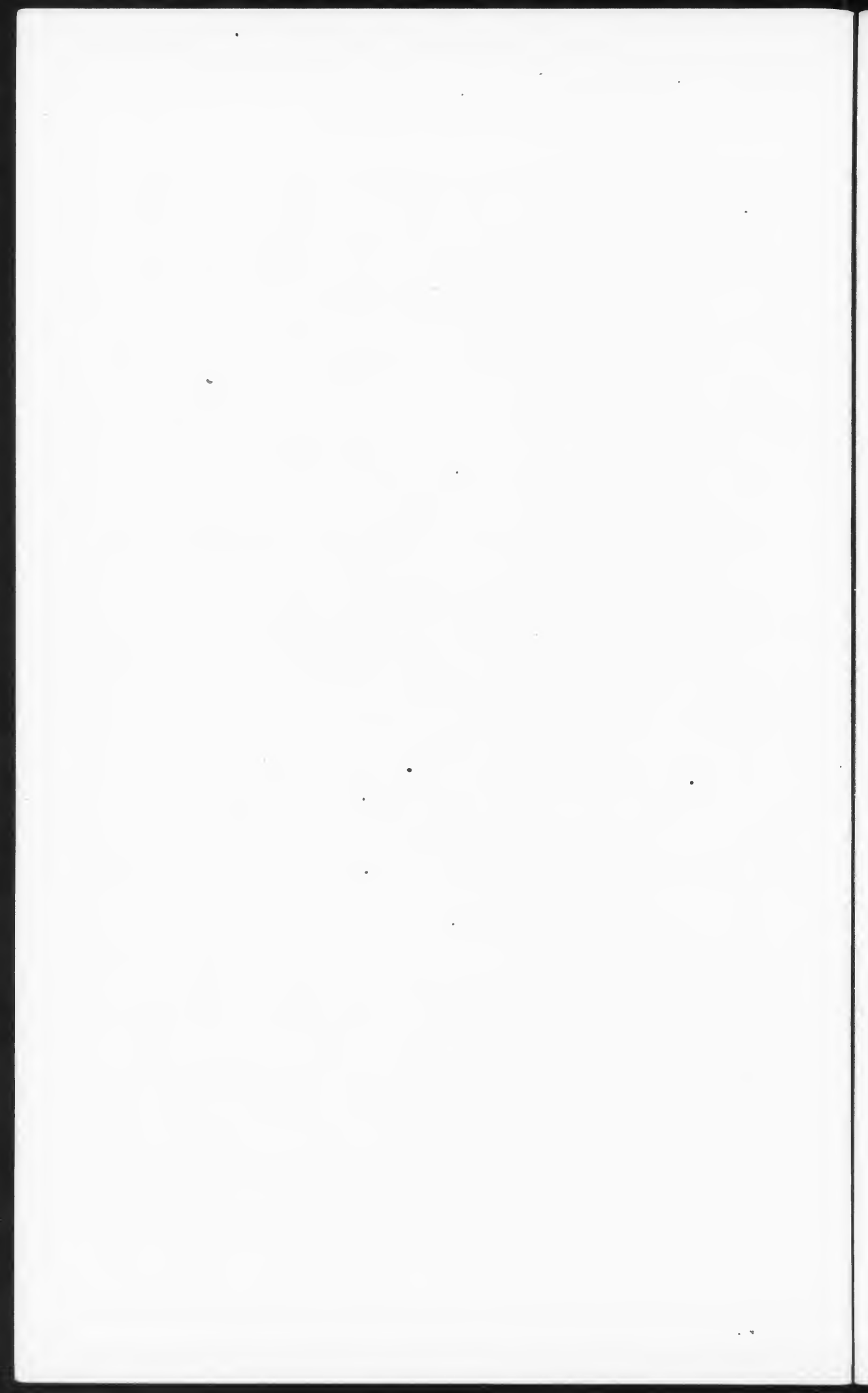
2nd. That we recognize the present incumbent, Dr. W. D. Schermerhorn, a scholar, a Christian brother and a leader of men. That we thank Almighty God for the gracious dispensation of Providence that has placed this Christian gentleman at the head of our beloved institution.

3rd. That we express our conviction that this school has well and faithfully served the church and the Kingdom in this Conference and to this end that it may do better service in the future; we RECOMMEND it to all our people as the educational center of Methodism where our children should be sent for higher education, and we pledge our united support in all its undertakings.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. AXFORD, Chairman,
S. E. MORRIS,
C. T. LIDDLE,
C. A. WILSON,
F. J. MUNDT.

WM. J. MUNDT,
Secretary Lay Association.



STATISTICAL TABLES
1917

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—ABERDEEN DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support											Baptisms			
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Local Preachers No. on Charge	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under Instruction
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid						
1	Aberdeen	Gilbert Stansell..	3000	3000	.....	200	200	48	48	100	100	3348	.....	3	13	35	97
2	Agar	Clinton D. Arms..	575	575	.....	51	51	11	11	23	23	660	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
3	Andover	L. L. Layne.....	1200	1200	200	90	90	25	25	40	40	1355	.....	.....	.....	30	.....
4	Ashton	F. C. Page.....	1150	1150	250	81	81	18	18	36	36	1285	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Bath and Putney...	R. E. Rich.....	1100	1000	200	81	81	18	18	36	36	1135	100	.....	22	5	.....
6	Big Stone City.....	J. M. Hunter.....	1380	1380	180	108	108	24	24	48	48	1560	.....	.....	8	9	.....
7	Bowdle	George Gray.....	750	750	150	54	54	12	12	24	24	840	.....	.....	.....	21	.....
8	Bristol	A. M. Lott.....	920	920	200	64	64	12	12	28	28	1024	.....	.....	1	6	.....
9	Britton	C. W. Rodgers....	1663	1663	300	116	116	25	25	77	77	1881	.....	.....	2	18	.....
10	Claremont	John R. Krins....	1100	1200	100	90	90	30	33	50	55	1387	.....	2	4	19	.....
11	Conde	J. E. Ellis.....	1300	1300	200	99	99	22	22	44	44	1465	.....	.....	9	14	.....
12	Corona, Twin Brooks	J. D. Stevens....	820	795	120	60	60	13	13	27	27	895	25	.....	1	3	.....
13	Cresbard	L. J. Sheldon....	1200	1200	200	90	90	20	20	40	40	1350	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
14	De Voe	Geo. H. Book....	1000	1000	150	76	76	16	16	29	29	1121	.....	.....	.....	6	.....
15	Doland	R. C. Shearer....	1500	1500	300	108	108	24	24	48	48	1680	.....	.....	.....	4	.....
16	Faulkton	Chas. E. Wilcox..	1380	1380	180	108	108	25	25	48	48	1561	.....	.....	.....	9	.....
17	Frankfort	Harry B. Nash....	1200	1200	200	90	90	20	20	40	40	1350	.....	.....	1	2	.....
18	Frederick	Ernest Redmayne	1000	1000	200	72	72	16	18	32	36	1126	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Gettysburg	W. T. Loomis....	1450	1450	150	117	117	26	26	52	52	1645	.....	1	2	5	.....
20	Groton	C. B. Harrold....	1400	1400	200	108	108	24	24	48	48	1580	.....	.....	35	25	25
21	Hecla	F. B. Dunn.....	1050	1050	150	81	81	18	18	36	36	1185	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
22	Langford	R. W. Plannette..	850	850	150	63	63	14	14	26	26	953	.....	.....	4	10	.....
23	Leola	E. E. Whiteside..	816	816	96	65	65	14	14	29	29	924	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
24	Mellette	M. T. Habgood....	1000	1000	200	72	72	16	16	32	32	1120	.....	1	6	1	.....
25	Milbank	A. E. Buriff.....	1800	1800	300	135	135	30	30	53	53	2018	.....	.....	9	6	10
26	Northville	J. F. Franklin....	1150	1150	150	90	90	20	20	40	40	1300	.....	1	2	3	12
27	Redfield	Albert Hartt....	1800	1800	300	135	135	30	30	60	60	2025	.....	.....	3	3	.....
28	Rockham	J. E. McKinney..	1100	1100	150	86	86	19	19	38	38	1243	.....	.....	6	3	10
29	Selby	Henry D. Gough..	1250	1250	150	99	99	22	22	44	44	1415	.....	.....	3	27	12
30	Seneca	Will. C. Strong..	900	900	150	50	50	11	11	2	2	963	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
31	Sisseton	John H. Ebert....	1500	1304	200	117	99	26	22	52	44	1469	226	.....	.....	2	11
32	Timber Lake, Lem- mon and Cherry..	J. N. Oakley....	600	550	.....	54	54	12	11	24	22	637	55	.....	.....	15	.....
33	Waubay and Summit.	A. Rinearson....	1000	1000	.....	90	90	20	20	40	40	1150	.....	.....	2	13	.....
34	Webster	C. C. Boslaugh..	1200	1200	150	94	94	21	21	42	42	1357	.....	1	5	3	.....
35	Westport	J. R. Sweeney....	600	600	.....	54	54	12	12	24	24	690	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
36	White Rock	E. B. Parrott....	1150	1150	150	90	90	20	20	40	40	1300	.....	.....	2	2	.....
Total			42312	42583	5776	3228	3219	714	714	1482	1481	47997	406	10	144	308	165

DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1917

Church Membership				Sunday Schools		Epworth League		Church Property								Gen. Conf. Expenses					
Probationers		Full Members			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages	P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for the Quadrennium	List No.
Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths during Year																	
38	97	1007	183	4				80		1	90000			1575			6000	33	10	23	1
3	10	20						10		1	3000			220	300		50	9	3	6	2
11		129						20	43	1	2500	1	2000	2407		200	4449	17	5	12	3
3		60		1				20		1	5000	1	2500	100			90	16	4	12	4
9	8	115		1				40	95	2	3000		2500				171	16	4	12	5
		105						30		1	6000	1	1500				160	19	19		6
		21								1	7500	1	2500	200	50		50				7
		43	5	1						1	2500	1	2000	100			75				8
20	20	145	14	1				18		1	8500	1	2500	227	850		429	21	8	13	9
10		68	6	5					22	2	6000	1	1000				450	2			10
30		128	17					56	17	1	3500	1	2000	140		58	143		17		11
1		81						16		2	4000	1	1200				100	14			12
5		73						30		2	4000	1	2500	775			130	16		16	13
		51	3							1	1000	1	1000	25			40				14
5	14	182	17					39		2	6000	1	4000				200	21	11	10	15
		132	18							2	8300	1	1500				200		18		16
3	3	93	2					30		1	3000	1	2000	180		250	200	16			17
		30								1	2500	1	2000	250			104	14	9		18
		132	10					27		1	17000	1	1600	385	400	4600	582	20		20	19
85		184						40	25	1	15000	1	2500	400	735	265	300				20
		80	8	1				18		2	4000	1	2000	65			51	16	4	12	21
10	12	71	3					35		1	3000	1	1500	100			120	13	7	6	22
	1	58	4							1	3500	1	750	30	746		296	12	12		23
12	3	76	3	1				15		1	7000	1	3000	192	872		137	15	4	11	24
8	8	181	35					38	24	1	18000	1	3000		325	1000	344				25
4	112	4	2					45		2	10000	1	2000	260		1800	170	16	4	12	26
		184	19							1	21000	1	3000	2621			764				27
10	1	85	4	2						1	7500	1	2500	125		750	165	12	3	6	28
2	12	78						20		2	13000	2	1500		750	4700	1525	12	6	10	29
10		39								1	3000	1	2000	285	1974		200	10	2	8	30
2		116	6	1				40	50	2	7000	1	2000			1000	240				31
		70	2							3	4000			2500			60	1	7		32
		85	14					22	16	2	5000			125		100	75				33
14		131		5				25		1	3600	1	2500	325		225	200	17	6	11	34
		28						27		2	3500	1	1500				50	10	10		35
15		91	10					6	9	3	6000	1	1800	210			170	16	7	9	36
324	193	4283	387	25				747	299	52	320400	33	69800	13562	7262	14948	18490	388	182	209	

TREASURER'S REPORT—ABERDEEN DISTRICT

List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences															
		Missions						Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals	General Deaconess Board	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.				Church	Sunday Schools	Public Ed. Collection	Children's Day Fund					
		Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts										
1	Aberdeen	420	80	.....	400	77	.....	25	10	15	320	23	10	10	10	330
2	Agar	7	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Andover	47	50	.....	40	49	5	14	.....	11	61	3	5	5	2	55
4	Ashton	65	.....	5	59	.....	.....	10	.....	10	40	4	3	3	1	.....
5	Bath and Putney	79	6	120	72	6	16	13	6	4	53	16	4	4	1	57	
6	Big Stone City	103	15	20	93	15	.....	18	14	.....	73	7	6	6	2	199
7	Bowdle	6	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	2	.....	2	10	.....	2	2	1	.....
8	Bristol	28	.....	.....	21	8	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90
9	Britton	73	20	.....	65	18	.....	7	8	7	45	7	4	5	1	119
10	Claremont	45	11	.....	45	11	50	5	1	3	45	3	2	.....	.....	123
11	Conde	68	11	.....	73	.....	17	12	9	.....	50	11	4	4	1	.....
12	Corona and Twin Brooks	23	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	9	12	.....	25	.....	3	3	1	.....
13	Cresbard	61	11	.....	56	10	20	11	8	2	45	1	4	4	1	.....
14	De Voe	55	.....	.....	51	.....	.....	8	6	.....	35	2	2	2	1	.....
15	Doland	94	20	65	90	14	23	17	10	3	71	10	6	6	2	61	
16	Faulkton .....	.....	.....	209	114	.....	.....	19	15	.....	78	.....	7	7	2	176
17	Frankfort	70	.....	.....	64	.....	.....	10	2	6	43	.....	4	4	1	3
18	Frederick	43	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	6	5	6	27	.....	2	2	1	.....
19	Gettysburg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Groton	70	40	15	60	54	60	19	10	5	63	12	7	7	2	265	
21	Hecla	28	12	.....	22	10	.....	5	.....	6	25	.....	2	2	1	2
22	Langford	32	5	.....	23	5	.....	4	3	1	24	6	1	1	1	16
23	Leola .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Mellette	30	2	.....	30	2	10	11	6	2	35	.....	4	3	1	2
25	Milbank	90	12	.....	70	11	.....	5	5	3	20	8	2	2	.....	197
26	Northville	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	9	.....	46	5	2	.....	1	82
27	Redfield	113	54	.....	145	.....	.....	20	20	5	105	8	8	9	3	124
28	Rockham	79	.....	.....	73	.....	5	12	.....	3	50	1	4	4	1	8
29	Selby	50	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	8	6	.....	31	.....	3	3	1	.....
30	Seneca	5	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Sisseton	25	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	5	4	.....	25	.....	1	1	1	75
32	Timber Lake and Lemmon	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	2	2	.....	5	2	1	1	1	.....
33	Waubay and Summit	20	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	8	6	.....	14	3	3	3	1	.....
34	Webster	90	.....	.....	83	.....	14	13	10	.....	56	10	5	5	1	3
35	Westport	36	5	.....	33	4	.....	6	4	.....	22	.....	2	2	1	.....
36	White Rock	97	10	89	14	11	61	3	5	2	65	
Total		2106	354	444	2031	304	229	327	208	100	1616	157	117	116	46	2052	

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Disciplinary Benevolences—Con.				Other Benevolences						Other Cash Items						GRAND TOTAL	List No.		
Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Educational Endowments	Hospital	Red Cross	Other Benevolences	Connectional Fund			Total Benevolences	Conference Claimants	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops			Support of Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses
341			2071			18	57				2146		4						1
			27					2			29								2
			347			8	60				487		2						3
			200				49				249		1						4
			457				50				507								5
			571				41				611								6
			30				9				39								7
			156								156								8
			379				72				439								9
			344				57				403		1						10
			349				82				434								11
			91								91								12
			234				7				244		2						13
			164			27	24				217								14
			492				33				529		2						15
			627				3				630								16
			207				16				223								17
			126								126								18
			26								26								19
			694				41				735		1						20
			115								115		1						21
			127				1				128		1						22
							20				20								23
			138				11				149								24
			425				8				433		2						25
			196			2	42				240		1						26
			614				134				648		3						27
			241								241								28
			148				1				149		3						29
			13								13								30
			167				83				250								31
2			22								22		1						32
			83								83								33
			290			11	4				305		1						34
			114								114		1						35
			359					2			359								36
343			10646			76	904	18			11544		26						

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—MITCHELL DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support												Baptisms			
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Total Deficiency	Local Preachers No. on Charge	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under Instruction
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid							
1	Alexandria	A. C. MacLean	1700	1700	250	130	130	29	29	58	58	1917			3	1		
2	Alpena	R. B. Hughes	1200	1200	200	100	100	20	20	40	40	1360			1	3		
3	Armour	L. W. Darling	1800	1800	300	135	135	30	30	60	60	2025			5	21		
4	Artesian	W. E. Gale	780	780	180	54	54	12	12	24	24	870				1		
5	Bard																	
6	Burke	A. L. Wilson	210	210								210			3	15	10	
7	Bridgewater	W. M. Redfield	300	300		24	24	6	4	12	6	334	8	1		2		
8	Chamberlain	A. J. Hoyer	1280	1280	180	99	99	22	22	44	44	1445			3	2		
9	Colome	A. L. Wilson	570	570	120	40	40	9	9	18	18	637					4	
10	Dallas	A. L. Wilson	520	520	120	36	36	8	8	16	16	580			1	6	2	
11	Ethan	F. L. Bromaghim	750	790	150	54	54	12	12	24	24	880				2		
12	Farmer	O. D. Jackson	800	800		72	72	16	16	32	32	920				2		
13	Farwell	W. C. Leake	600	600	144	54	54	12	12	24	24	690				8		
14	Fulton	E. W. Burch	600	600		54	54			13	14	668			2			
15	Geddes	C. S. Lyles	1400	1400	200	108	108	21	21	52	52	1581			13	12	12	
16	Gregory	K. P. Kilbourn	1300	1300	150	102	102	16	16	33	33	1451				3	2	
17	Herrick, St. Charles	W. J. Douglas	875	875		79	25	17		34		900	105		7	2		
18	Iona and Hamill	E. E. Hatfield	750	750		67	67	15	15	30	30	862			4	5		
19	Kimball	John Kaye	1050	1000	200	76	63	17	11	34	28	1102	75			4		
20	Lakeview Circuit	J. T. Gurney	550	474		49	43	11	9	22	19	545	87					
21	Lane	S. F. Spitz	820	820	120	63	63	12	12	28	28	923						
22	Letcher	W. N. Potter	600	600	120	54	54	10	10	24	24	688				9		
23	Mitchell	J. S. Hoagland	3600	3650	600	275	275	60	60	112	112	4097			10	45	100	
24	Mount Vernon	W. A. Godsave	1440	1340	240	108	108	24	24	45	45	1517			2	18		
25	Paxton Circuit	D. A. Savage	585	585		52	33	10	10		4	632	37					
26	Plankinton	O. M. Hyde	1450	1450	200	112	112	30	30	50	50	1642			13	24		
27	Platte	Paul Gardner	1500	1500	200	117	117	26	26	52	52	1695			1	1	3	
28	Roswell	H. C. Alley	1200	1200	200	90	90	20	20	40	40	1350			2	9		
29	Springfield	A. E. Elsom	900	900	150	60	50	15	10	30	22	982	23			1	3	
30	Tripp	W. O. Redfield	1300	1300	250	94	85	21	18	42	50	1453			4	8		
31	Tyndall	S. H. Shurtleff	1260	1260	260	90	72	20	20	40	32	1384				3		
32	Viola	S. F. Spitz	300	300		27	27	6	5	12	12	344						
33	Virgil	Lloyd H. Rising	500	500		45	45	10	10	20	20	575			1	4		
34	Wagner	Louis L. Lane	1450	1450	150	117	117	26	26	52	51	1644			1	1		
35	Wessington Springs	G. D. Brown	1900	1900	300	144	144	32	32	64	69	2145		2		13		
36	White Lake	G. D. Egner	1300	1300	200	99	99	22	22	44	44	1465			2	1		
37	Winner	W. T. Methner	1180	1180	180	90	90	20	20	40	40	1330						
38	Woonsocket	T. B. Wilber	1550	1550	200	135	135	27	27	54	54	1766			35	12	2	
Total			39970	39824	5564	3006	2986	663	638	1319	1271	44609	335	3	115	235	16	

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Church Membership					Sunday Schools		Epworth League		Church Property								Gen. Conf. Expenses			List No.	
Probationers		Full Members			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages	P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year		Balance Due for the Quadrennium
Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths during Year																	
3	1	228	12	4	...	...	...	20	...	2	10500	1	2200	100	...	500	300	...	...	...	1
32	1	146	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	2	8500	1	2500	3410	...	1300	148	...	...	...	2
3	3	151	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	2	5000	1	3000	550	600	...	127	...	3	...	3
4	...	87	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2500	1	2500	120	...	...	115	4	4	...	4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
44	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	6
...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2500	...	...	...	63	120	53	4	...	4	7
14	5	75	4	3	...	...	...	18	...	1	3500	1	2000	42	...	...	114	...	4	...	8
...	5	49	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3500	1	700	100	1600	...	150	...	...	...	9
1	...	57	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2500	1	800	22	50	657	45	...	...	...	10
...	9	82	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2600	1	2400	225	...	...	120	12	4	8	11
...	...	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3000	...	...	50	...	...	30	...	...	...	12
...	...	80	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	1	2000	1	1000	850	...	150	65	...	3	...	13
3	...	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1200	1	1200	...	...	...	80	...	...	...	14
41	41	193	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	7500	1	3000	356	...	500	789	...	...	...	15
1	1	114	4	...	...	...	...	25	...	1	6500	1	1600	3300	...	45	150	...	...	...	16
8	3	53	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	3000	...	...	...	...	1000	130	...	...	...	17
...	...	35	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
1	...	60	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3000	1	2000	76	...	430	50	...	...	...	19
1	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1500	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	20
...	...	77	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4000	1	1800	90	...	350	95	12	3	9	21
24	...	50	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2200	1	1700	15	...	...	70	...	...	...	22
170	25	1400	200	8	...	...	...	150	125	1	85000	1	9000	1500	1000	10000	2900	...	...	...	23
7	14	133	2	...	...	...	...	25	...	1	4000	1	2400	190	...	...	150	...	...	...	24
...	...	42	2	1	...	...	...	16	...	1	2000	...	...	241	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
29	11	165	10	1	...	...	...	32	...	2	6300	1	2500	250	...	...	240	6	6	...	26
6	5	202	2	4	...	...	...	1	20	2	5200	1	2000	60	...	...	175	...	5	...	27
16	7	90	9	...	...	...	...	59	...	2	3000	1	1000	145	420	...	125	...	...	...	28
1	3	18	3	2	...	...	...	30	...	1	2000	1	1500	140	...	...	125	...	...	...	29
4	4	61	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3000	1	3500	50	50	40	100	...	10	...	30
4	...	95	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8000	1	4000	340	600	900	300	...	2	...	31
...	...	33	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2500	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	32
...	...	35	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2500	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	1	33
8	...	104	14	...	...	...	...	25	...	2	5000	1	1500	85	55	...	129	...	3	...	34
3	12	438	22	5	...	...	...	50	...	1	44000	1	2800	150	1000	7000	6067	...	6	...	35
33	1	148	...	1	...	...	...	78	...	2	6000	1	3000	35	55	18	150	...	3	...	36
...	...	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
33	228	227	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10000	1	2500	...	...	1200	210	...	...	...	38
493	379	4931	348	38	...	...	...	636	145	47	271900	27	64500	12492	5493	24210	13427	38	57	21	...

TREASURER'S REPORT—MITCHELL DISTRICT

List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences														
		Missions						Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals	General Deaconsess Board	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.				Church	Sunday Schools	Public Ed. Collection	Children's Day Fund				
		Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts									
1	Alexandria	58	31	73	45	31	15	20	14	7	75	10	6	6	.....	223
2	Alpena	97	7	.....	87	5	.....	10	.....	10	21	5	4	2	3	75
3	Armour	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	3	.....	1	5	.....	1	1	1	.....
4	Artesian	25	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	7	3	.....	20	5	1	1	1	.....
5	Bard . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Burke	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Bridgewater . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Chamberlain	55	2	.....	50	2	13	11	8	1	48	9	4	4	1	52
9	Colome	6	2	.....	4	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....
10	Dallas	6	2	.....	4	2	.....	3	.....	1	.....	6	2	2	1	15
11	Ethan	50	.....	30	47	.....	6	8	8	.....	44	5	4	4	1	50
12	Farmer . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Farwell	49	.....	24	45	.....	11	7	6	.....	30	10	3	3	1	.....
14	Fulton	29	7	.....	26	7	.....	4	3	2	18	2	1	1	1	.....
15	Geddes	67	7	59	61	7	.....	10	8	2	42	8	5	5	2	9
16	Gregory	48	4	.....	34	4	10	2	2	.....	20	10	1	1	1	.....
17	Herrick and St. Charles . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Iona and Hamill . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Kimball	9	1	.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	3	15	2	.....	.....	.....	2
20	Lakeview Circuit	9	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	2	.....	2	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....
21	Lane	40	10	.....	32	10	.....	5	2	2	33	5	1	1	1	30
22	Letcher	10	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Mitchell	400	50	250	400	25	125	40	35	5	722	15	10	32	5	1060
24	Mount Vernon	68	11	.....	62	11	.....	12	6	3	49	.....	4	4	1	37
25	Paxton Circuit	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	4	1	2	.....
26	Plankinton	70	8	60	66	5	.....	11	9	.....	50	10	4	4	1	59
27	Platte	115	15	.....	75	15	55	16	9	3	62	6	5	5	2	99
28	Roswell	56	3	34	54	.....	.....	9	7	.....	37	7	3	3	1	.....
29	Springfield	15	6	7	10	.....	10	3	.....	.....	.....	5	5	2	1	.....
30	Tripp	48	1	.....	49	.....	.....	16	12	.....	67	5	6	6	2	25
31	Tyndall	36	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	2	2	.....	11	.....	1	1	1	2
32	Viola	20	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	4	2	.....	15	3	1	1	1	.....
33	Virgil	23	.....	.....	20	.....	6	5	5	.....	13	5	2	2	1	1
34	Wagner	44	8	15	33	7	10	9	5	5	34	10	4	2	1	.....
35	Wessington Springs	502	37	285	218	37	.....	48	37	8	199	10	19	18	5	706
36	White Lake	61	5	368	55	5	.....	10	8	1	41	9	3	3	1	93
37	Winner . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Woonsocket	31	40	35	15	12	15	10	7	5	2	94
Total		2063	217	1245	1627	175	261	299	193	68	2701	191	114	123	41	297

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Disciplinary Benevolences—Con.				Other Benevolences							Other Cash Items									
Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Educational Endowments	Hospital	Y. M. O. A.	Red Cross	Other Benevolences	Christian Stewardship	Total Benevolences	Conference Claimants	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops	Support of Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses	GRAND TOTAL	List No.		
78	10		707					16		723								1		
			326					8		334								2		
			45			131		24		200								3		
			88					25		113								4		
			1							1								5		
			4							4								6		
			260					20		280								7		
			18				2			20								8		
29	5		78					18		96								9		
			257				3	43		303								10		
			3					7		10								11		
			189					27		216								12		
			101					6		107								13		
			284				32	10		326								14		
			137				19	5		161								15		
								6		6								16		
			5					10		15								17		
			42							42								18		
			28				66	1		95								19		
			172					16		188								20		
			26							26								21		
714	49	500	5437	1000				2371		8808								22		
			268					37		305								23		
		1	22							22								24		
			357					619		976								25		
			482				67	57		606								26		
			214				20	91		325								27		
			64							64								28		
5			242		5			56		303								29		
46			134					36		170								30		
			62					10		72								31		
			83					70		153								32		
40	23		250							250								33		
166			2295			625	1366	44		4330								34		
			663		10			79		742								35		
																		36		
			266							266								37		
1078	94	501	13844	1000	15	756	1575	3706		20658								38		

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—RAPID CITY DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support											Baptisms			
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'ts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Local Preachers No. on Charge	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under Instruction
			Total Cl'm. Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid						
1	Belle Fourche	John C. Baker..	800	800	200	54	54	9	9	21	21	884	.....	.....	3	9	.....
2	Caputa and Fairburn..	P. H. Weston...	.....	375	.....	.....	15	.....	5	.....	5	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Custer	J. H. Spencer..	780	780	180	54	54	.....	8	.....	8	850	.....	1	.....	3	.....
4	Deadwood, Cent. City	E. E. Vernon...	1800	1704	300	135	118	24	15	48	35	1872	135	.....	1	.....	.....
5	Draper	B. I. Hubbard...	.....	450	60	.....	40	.....	7	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	9	5	.....
6	Edgemont	E. J. Fish.....	680	695	180	45	27	10	10	20	20	752	3	.....	.....	3	.....
7	Harding	A. G. Campbell..	400	580	.....	27	27	6	6	13	13	626	20	.....	.....	1	.....
8	Hot Springs	A. L. Olson.....	1350	1350	150	108	108	24	24	48	48	1530	.....	2	8	2	.....
9	Kennebec	C. E. Hager.....	1000	1000	150	76	76	17	17	34	34	1127	.....	.....	1	9	11
10	Lead and Terraville..	Wm. J. Calfee..	1800	1825	300	.....	105	.....	24	.....	48	1999	.....	4	4	50	55
11	Midland and Hayes..	C. M. Weirauch..	500	500	.....	.....	25	.....	2	.....	1	528	.....	.....	4	6	.....
12	Murdo	H. W. Bunton..	900	900	200	72	72	16	16	32	32	1020	.....	.....	8	5	.....
13	Newell	C. E. Cadle.....	525	385	.....	27	27	.....	1	.....	3	416	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Nowlin and Capa.....	.....	300	114	60	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	1	175	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Oelrichs	C. O. Biggar...	400	440	100	27	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	467	.....	1	.....	4	.....
16	Oral .....	.....	375	375	.....	30	30	2	2	.....	4	465	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Philip	R. J. Eling.....	496	496	96	36	20	8	8	18	14	438	.....	1	.....	4	3
18	Piedmont	John W. Lucas..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Plainview	John W. Hartley..	211	195	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Presho	Garner Osborn..	250	283	175	45	45	10	10	20	20	258	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Rapid City	F. E. Morrison..	1700	1700	300	136	126	28	28	51	51	1905	.....	2	16	4	.....
22	Reliance	A. T. McFarland..	720	676	120	54	44	12	10	18	12	742	62	.....	.....	2	3
23	Spearfish	H. L. Case.....	1300	1300	300	90	90	20	20	40	40	1451	.....	.....	3	14	.....
24	Sturgis	G. C. Karlston..	720	398	120	.....	25	.....	5	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Terry .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	Wall and Quinn.....	S. C. Cadle.....	675	675	60	51	738	37
Total			17682	17996	2991	1066	1266	186	227	363	438	18643	282	11	57	124	72

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Church Membership					Sunday Schools		Epworth League		Church Property								Gen. Conf. Expenses			List No.	
Probationers		Full Members			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages	P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year		Balance Due for the Quadrennium
Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths during Year																	
22	....	105	20	1	....	....	....	30	....	1	4000	1	1500	249	....	....	113	....	2	....	1
2	....	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	3000	....	....	....	122	....	....	....	....	....	2
1	4	69	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	3000	1	1500	100	....	....	80	....	1	....	3
....	6	90	2	1	....	....	....	63	....	2	11200	1	5000	315	330	58	462	15	5	10	4
18	4	47	6	....	....	....	....	34	....	1	1500	2	1400	150	....	1000	15	....	....	....	5
....	4	50	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	5000	1	2000	43	....	500	147	7	....	....	6
....	....	23	7	....	....	....	....	20	5	1	2500	....	....	23	....	....	30	....	....	....	7
9	4	134	52	4	....	....	....	29	....	1	3500	1	1800	50	....	....	170	....	....	....	8
6	11	62	3	....	....	....	....	....	22	1	2000	1	2700	130	183	850	63	....	....	....	9
....	....	345	8	2	....	....	....	70	....	2	11800	1	2000	57	596	3100	615	....	1	....	10
....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	5200	....	....	1650	....	....	280	....	....	....	11
16	20	107	10	....	....	....	....	20	25	1	4500	1	2500	300	500	....	1650	....	4	....	12
....	....	50	....	....	....	....	....	34	....	1	5100	....	....	....	550	900	125	....	....	....	13
....	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	4000	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	14
....	....	35	7	1	....	....	....	30	....	2	3600	1	475	40	....	....	35	....	....	....	15
....	....	41	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	800	800	....	....	....	....	....	....	16
4	4	34	10	....	....	....	....	15	5	1	3500	1	1500	145	....	....	50	5	2	3	17
....	....	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1000	1	500	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18
....	....	41	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1600	....	....	....	....	....	32	....	....	....	19
....	....	55	8	....	....	....	....	20	22	1	2800	1	2000	....	....	650	70	....	....	....	20
27	....	290	40	2	....	....	....	90	....	1	8000	1	3000	45	225	1450	204	18	....	....	21
....	....	46	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	2	1000	1	1700	100	....	1000	....	....	....	....	22
10	4	112	11	....	....	....	....	40	....	1	4000	1	3000	128	50	....	180	....	3	....	23
....	....	40	10	....	....	....	....	10	8	1	2000	1	1500	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1200	1	500	....	....	49	....	....	....	....	25
....	....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	4500	1	900	80	....	700	110	....	....	....	26
115	79	1868	231	16	....	....	....	505	87	37	99300	21	36275	4405	2556	10257	4441	45	18	13	

TREASURER'S REPORT—RAPID CITY DISTRICT

List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences														
		Missions						Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals	General Deaconess Board	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.											
		Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts		Church	Sunday Schools	Public Ed. Collection	Children's Day Fund				
1	Belle Fourche	5	10	.....	5	10	5	5	4	8	20	4	3	2	2	37
2	Caputa and Fairburn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
3	Custer	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....
4	Deadwood and Central City	10	10	.....	10	10	.....	2	2	4	10	5	1	1	1	76
5	Draper	9	4	.....	1	5	.....	1	1	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Edgemont	4	3	.....	4	3	.....	2	2	.....	4	.....	1	1	1	.....
7	Harding	10	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	3	2	.....	6	4	1	1	.....	.....
8	Hot Springs	74	7	.....	44	7	38	19	14	.....	25	.....	7	2	2	172
9	Kennebec	50	5	50	50	.....	10	7	3	2	37	.....	5	2	2	5
10	Lead and Terraville	25	5	.....	14	2	5	3	1	6	.....	5	10	1	1	2
11	Midland	20	.....	.....	20	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Murdo	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	2	1	1	1	.....
13	Newell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Nowlin and Capa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Oelrichs	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....
16	Oral	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Phillip	6	.....	60	4	.....	2	1	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Piedmont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Plainview	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Presho	8	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	3	.....	2	5	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Rapid City	45	19	.....	45	19	.....	5	5	4	35	1	1	1	1	155
22	Reliance	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
23	Spearfish	60	10	.....	40	15	8	11	5	4	27	1	4	2	1	37
24	Sturgis	.....	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Vivian	11	10	3	3	5
26	Wall and Quinn	5
Total		349	76	112	270	73	69	69	44	32	181	50	33	21	10	486

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Disciplinary Benevolences—Con.				Other Benevolences							Other Cash Items								GRAND TOTAL	List No.
Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Educational Endowments	Hospital	Red Cross	Y. M. C. A.	Conference Minutes	Other Benevolences	Christian Stewardship League	Total Benevolences	Conference Claimants	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops	Support of Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses			
5	5		125		275						400	66	2							
			6		5						11									
33	65		15		25			1			41									
			240		134			3	138		545		2							
			27		211	9			9		256									
			25		56						81									
			36		1287	14			31		1368									
168	20		599		142						741									
5			233		5				69		307									
2			82		60						142									
			41		90						131									
			12		3				50		65									
					15						15									
			11		28				7		46									
			79		127						206									
			33						9		42									
142			478		100				118		696									
			7						10		17									
6	31		262		416				19		697									
			4								4									
			32		51				9		92									
			5								5									
356	121	2352	3030	23	4	469			5878	66	4									

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support											Baptisms				
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'ts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Local Preachers No. on Charge	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under Instruction	
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid							
1	Alcester	Ernest Spry	950	950	150	72	72	16	16	32	32	1070				3		
2	Beresford	J. B. Dibble	1400	1400	200	108	108	24	24	48	48	1580			4			
3	Canistota	O. P. Jackson	1200	1200	200	90	90	20	20	40	40	1350			1	7		
4	Canton	A. W. Thurston	1660	1660	360	108	108	24	24	42	42	1834			24	6		
5	Centerville	F. B. Wilcox	700	700	100	54	54	12	12	24	24	790			1	1		
6	Chester	Frank Tanner	1030	1030	180	76	76	15	15	34	34	975			14	11	3	
7	Colman	Guy Wilkinson	1050	1050	150	81	81	18	18	36	36	1185				3	16	
8	Colton	O. M. Rifenbark	870	820	120	63	68	11	11			952						
9	Davis	N. P. Johnson	870	870	120	67	67	15	15	30	30	982				6		
10	Dell Rapids	W. A. Black	1200	1200	200	80	80	20	20	40	40	1540			7	8		
11	Egan	B. H. Lewis	1350	1350	150	108	108	24	24	35	35	1517			14	3		
12	Elk Point	G. N. Gage	1100	1100	200	81	81	18	18	36	36	1235				1	4	
13	Flandreau	W. N. Deller	1600	1600	250	108	108	27	27	54	54	1789		1	11	23	10	
14	Flandreau Circuit	D. C. Arms		115		9	9	3	3	8	8				1			
15	Garretson	I. P. Potter	1325	1350	300	92	92	20	20	40	40	1502				4		
16	Gayville	H. E. Rice	1400	1400	200	108	108	24	24	48	48	1580		1	2	11		
17	Harrisburg	L. F. Brown	920	920	120	69	69	12	12	28	28	1029			1	6	13	
18	Hartford	C. H. Graf	1800	1800	300	135	135	29	29	58	58	2022		2	5	20	40	
19	Howard	L. A. McDonald	1550	1550	300	112	112	25	25	44	44	1731			4	15		
20	Hudson	R. P. Harmon	894	894	144	68	68	15	15		10	987				3		
21	Hurley	W. P. Slocum	1500	1500	300	108	108	18	18	48	48	1673		1	1	16	18	
22	Irene	S. B. Lowrie	1000	1000		90	90	20	20	40	40	1150			8	23	8	
23	Junius	H. W. Minish	403	403								56						
24	Lennox and Ellis	A. A. Bichell	700	880	180	27	27	10	10	5	5	922				3		
25	Madison	H. W. Minish	1700	1700	300	112	112	28	28	51	51	1897			5	9	14	
26	Montrose	E. F. Kurtz	1130	1130	180	90	90	20	20	30	30	1226						
27	Parker	Nels Fanebust	1400	1400	200	108	108	24	24	48	48	1272		1	4	2		
28	Pioneer, Mount Zion	W. S. Rowden	1200	1040	140	108	94	24	4	42	20	1198	196			2		
29	Richland	C. H. Bacon	400	400														
30	Salem	F. H. Ray	1500	1500	300	99	99	22	22	40	40	1661		1	5	9		
31	Scotland	C. W. Langdon	1150	1250	150	90	90	29	29	40	40	1300				8		
32	Sioux Falls—First	Eugene Allen	3400	3400	600	224	224	57	57	114	114	3795			4	16	100	
33	East Side	S. E. Brown	1300	1300	300	90	90	20	20	40	40	1450		2		8		
34	Valley Springs	O. M. Freeman	1060	1060	120	84	84	18	18	34	34	1196				16		
35	Vermilion	W. N. Graves	1800	1800	300	135	135	30	30	60	60	1725			8	12	15	
36	Wakonda	Grant B. Wilder	1450	1450	250	108	108	24	24	48	48	1630				1		
37	Yankton	H. P. Eberhart	1600	1600	200	126	126	28	28	56	56	1810		3		3		
Total			45562	45636	7260	3287	3270	740	720	1379	1357	47591	196	17	130	266	224	

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Church Membership					Sunday Schools			Epworth League		Church Property								Gen. Conf. Expenses			
Probationers		Full Members			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages	P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for the Quadrennium	List No.
Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths during Year																	
...	2	60	7	1	...	...	...	40	...	2	3000	1	1500	100	...	3050	75	8	2	6	1
...	1	134	14	2	...	...	...	30	...	1	17500	1	1500	25	...	...	765	...	5	...	2
35	1	145	4	...	...	...	...	36	...	1	4500	1	2700	82	...	...	175	20	7	13	3
...	2	319	35	3	...	...	...	20	40	1	10000	1	5000	...	475	...	384	...	...	...	4
...	3	36	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6000	1	1500	50	...	...	150	...	...	...	5
10	2	70	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	2000	1	2000	97	...	...	168	...	11	...	6
8	18	139	2	1	...	...	...	65	...	1	3500	1	1500	345	...	...	130	13	6	7	7
...	3	54	8	1	...	...	...	20	...	1	4000	1	1200	44	...	300	128	...	...	...	8
...	...	63	2	...	...	...	...	25	22	1	3500	1	1400	262	...	...	172	...	...	...	9
27	14	100	10	3	...	...	...	20	10	1	3500	1	2000	200	...	...	200	...	...	...	10
...	...	145	29	...	...	...	...	19	...	1	7000	1	1400	275	1080	300	280	6	...	6	11
2	...	75	11	...	...	...	...	18	...	1	10000	1	2500	15	200	400	152	...	...	...	12
25	10	280	10	...	...	...	...	75	...	1	5000	1	2500	100	...	...	350	...	...	...	13
7	...	33	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
...	...	55	4	...	...	...	...	15	...	2	5500	1	1300	70	175	1500	100	20	5	15	15
...	6	136	19	4	...	...	...	50	...	2	8200	1	2000	...	...	...	250	18	6	12	16
...	...	64	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	4000	1	1000	400	55	...	130	...	...	...	17
34	4	216	20	5	...	...	...	45	...	1	5800	1	4000	250	150	...	...	...	4	...	18
6	4	140	10	...	...	...	...	40	...	1	8000	1	4000	800	200	...	400	...	...	...	19
...	...	75	2	...	...	...	...	30	17	1	4000	1	1500	183	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
17	...	139	5	1	...	...	...	33	62	1	6000	1	4000	200	...	...	200	18	6	12	21
...	...	63	6	...	...	...	...	30	...	1	9500	1	4000	937	...	800	392	...	...	...	22
...	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2500	1	1200	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	23
...	...	51	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2500	1	1200	...	412	300	62	...	...	...	24
26	16	319	26	1	...	...	...	40	...	1	25000	1	3000	...	450	...	950	...	...	...	25
...	...	92	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	1	5000	1	2000	...	...	...	90	...	...	...	26
18	...	224	17	3	...	...	...	45	...	1	9000	1	2500	330	...	...	308	18	6	12	27
10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250	...	...	36	...	...	...	28
...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	29
15	1	156	25	1	...	...	...	31	...	1	6000	1	4500	175	3000	...	150	...	6	...	30
2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	4000	1	3000	300	30	...	350	20	5	...	31
14	14	839	55	6	...	...	...	90	100	1	83000	1	8000	150	4836	36000	6900	...	...	...	32
8	8	108	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	1	22000	1	3000	35	1100	9000	1198	...	...	...	33
...	...	63	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8000	1	800	200	...	...	400	4	4	...	34
46	10	323	96	3	...	...	...	40	20	1	12000	1	3000	...	...	...	600	...	5	...	35
3	...	105	9	...	...	...	...	26	...	2	10000	1	3000	700	...	125	275	...	...	...	36
1	12	235	51	1	...	...	...	35	...	1	12000	1	1500	825	...	750	980	28	7	21	37
327	138	5104	493	44	978	271	49	309500	34	85200	7340	14863	52525	16425	173	85	104	

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List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences															
		Missions						Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals	General Deaconess Board	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.				Church	Sunday Schools	Public Ed. Collection	Children's Day Fund					
		Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts										
1	Alcester	20			10		9	5	5		10						3
2	Beresford	91	16	66	98			16	10	2	67		6		2		138
3	Canistota	126			92		21	13	12		63	21	5				63
4	Canton	71	52	115	70	52		16		45	95	8		4	3		181
5	Centerville							8		1	11						74
6	Chester	30			30			5	6		30	10	2		1		
7	Colman	46	24		46	14	8	10	5	3	44		4	3	2		
8	Colton	10	17	10	5			3					2	1	1		1
9	Davis	12			12			2		3	10		3	1	1	1	
10	Dell Rapids	94		5	86		10	14	11		58	8	5	5	1		112
11	Egan		5			5	11		2								
12	Elk Point	5	2		5	2	8	3	14	1	8	1	2	3	1		2
13	Flandreau	126	28		243			22	17	3	85	6	8	8	2		247
14	Flandreau Circuit	8			5			3				4	2	1			2
15	Garretson	50			30		6	5		1	30	8	1	1	1		44
16	Gayville and Volin	104	4	50	96	4	29	16	12		65		6	6	2		
17	Harrisburg	6	5		5	10		2		6	10	5	2	3			2
18	Hartford	112			100		65	17	15		75		7	5	2		125
19	Howard	84			77			13	10		7		4	4	1		
20	Hudson	10			10		10		5	3		4			15		109
21	Hurley	70			51			12	10		35		1	3	1		56
22	Irene		10			10											
23	Junius	10	4		10	3		2	2		12	7					
24	Lennox and Ellis	10			10				3		5						104
25	Madison	153	9	15	100	9	16	15	15	7	60	15	3	5	3		318
26	Montrose	10		20		10		2		2			1				
27	Parker	100			92			15	12		62	8	6	6	1		247
28	Pioneer and Mount Zion		5		2				2	2	1	1					100
29	Richland																
30	Salem	57	8		50			5	7	1	40		4	2			96
31	Scotland	62	6		59	4		10	6	2	43		4	4	1		
32	Sioux Falls—First Church	400	218	27	231	218	118	48	116	40	100	20	15	10			822
33	East Side	100										8					165
34	Valley Springs	40		80	25			10	2			5	1				
35	Vermilion	100			93			10	2	4	30	8	2	5	2		414
36	Wakonda	60	5		50	4	20	4	1		24	3	2	1	2		106
37	Yankton	90	10	10	70	10		14	8	4	62	4	6	6	6		104
	Total	2267	428	398	1863	355	331	320	305	135	1142	164	102	120	37		3635

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Disciplinary Benevolences—Con.				Other Benevolences						Other Cash Items								GRAND TOTAL	List No.
Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Educational Endowments	Hospital	Red Cross	Christian Stewardship League	Conference Minutes	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	Conference Claimants	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops	Support of Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses			
2			66						45	171								1	
			518			34		3	52	607								2	
			423		35	16			91	567								3	
23			735					3	1020	1758								4	
			94							194								5	
			116							116								6	
			212					2	32	246								7	
			50						19	69								8	
			51			12		2	6	71								9	
42			451			15			14	480								10	
			23						6	29								11	
			57		15			2	6	80	10							12	
			795						579	1374								13	
			25						8	33								14	
		1	178						73	253								15	
			394					3	316	713								16	
			56							56								17	
			523			5			113	641								18	
			200							200								19	
			166							166								20	
			239		25				40	304	24							21	
			20							20								22	
			50							50								23	
			132							132								24	
113	10		866			10			124	1000								25	
			45							45								26	
			549				1		645	1195								27	
			113						40	153								28	
																		29	
			270			17		3	238	528								30	
			201			8		2	8	219								31	
406			2789						1249	4038	109							32	
			273							273								33	
			163	30						193								34	
103			773			8			61	842								35	
			282		12					294								36	
70			474			10	5		86	565								37	
759	10	1	12372	30	87	135	6	24	4871	17516	143	33							

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support										Baptisms				
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Local Preachers No. on Charge	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under Instruction
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid						
1	Arlington	John H. Kearton.	1650	1650	350	117	117	26	26	58	58	1851			12	5	
2	Aurora and Trenton.	F. W. Stoll....	1060	1000	60	90	90	20	20	40	40	1210			4	7	
3	Blunt and Harrold.	G. A. Trodie....	960	812	100	77	62	17	12	34	28	914	174		1	2	
4	Bradley	William M. Allen	1050	1050	150	81	81	18	18	36	36	1035			8	4	13
5	Broadland	W. J. Stevenson.	400	400	150	36	36	8	8	16	16	460				4	
6	Brookings	I. M. Hargett...	2250	2250	460	162	162	36	36	72	72	2520			1	17	
7	Bruce	H. D. Seastrand.	800	800	100	63	63	14	14	24	24	901					
8	Burdette and Carlton	H. D. Clark....	950	950	100	76	76	17	17	34	34	1077			12	7	
9	Carpenter	C. D. Walters...	950	950	100	76	76	16	16	13	13	1155			2	4	
10	Castlewood	Chas. J. Gilbert.	540	540	.....	48	48	8	8	16	16	612				1	
11	Cavour, Pearl Creek.	E. I. Prosser....	896	896	96	72	72	16	16	32	32	1016		1	2	5	
12	Chappell Circuit	Arthur Mayer...	550	550	.....	49	49	11	11	22	22	632			4		
13	Clark	O. W. Butterfield	1450	1579	250	108	108	24	24	48	48	1651		2	1	12	
14	Clear Lake	C. Boatman.....	880	880	180	63	63	14	14	28	28	985			3	20	
15	DeSmet	G. W. Roberts...	870	870	120	67	67	.....	5	.....	10	952		1	.....	.....
16	Elkton	.....	.....	42	.....	5	.....	2	.....	.....	2	51			.....	1	
17	Esmond	K. G. Mansveld.	1000	1000	200	72	72	.....	.....	20	1092						
18	Florence	D. G. Radcliffe.	979	800	.....	27	16	10	30	10	874	105			5		
19	Garden City	T. H. Trevithick.	1250	1250	150	99	99	22	22	44	44	1415			17	6	10
20	Gary	Harry Lee.....	1180	1180	180	90	90	20	20	40	40	1330			2	13	6
21	Hazel and Thomas.	H. G. Ozanne....	1180	1180	180	90	90	20	20	40	40	1330			.....	3	
22	Henry	E. O. Machemer.	1200	1200	200	90	90	20	20	40	40	1350			9	6	
23	Highmore	S. W. Marble....	1150	1300	150	90	90	18	18	35	35	1443		1	4	9	
24	Hitchcock	A. E. Hocking...	1340	1314	240	99	99	22	22	44	44	1505			30	9	9
25	Huron	Orien E. Boyce..	2280	2280	480	162	162	36	36	72	72	2550			22	18	
26	Iroquois	R. G. Minkler...	1400	1400	150	112	112	25	25	50	50	1587			1	8	
27	Kampeska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			.....	.....
28	Lake Preston	Fred Rawlinson..	1180	1180	180	90	90	20	20	40	40	1330		1	.....	2	
29	Miller	R. E. Tarlton....	1850	1850	350	117	117	26	26	52	52	2045			2	14	
30	Okobojo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			.....	.....
31	Oldham	C. B. Dennison...	756	756	156	54	54	12	12	24	24	844		1	.....	3	
32	Pierre	J. A. Edwards...	2100	2100	500	135	135	28	.....	49	.....	2312			12	8	
33	St. Lawrence	G. W. Quayle....	820	820	120	63	63	14	14	25	25	922		1	.....	1	
34	Tulare	C. C. Hanson....	848	848	48	72	72	16	16	32	32	968			9	4	
35	Watertown	Gay C. White....	2480	2480	480	188	188	40	40	80	80	2788			12	31	45
36	Wessington	C. B. Cooney....	950	950	150	72	72	16	16	32	32	1070			5	8	
37	White	F. J. Hoffman....	1000	1000	200	72	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	1072			4	6	
Total			40199	40133	6320	2952	2969	616	584	1232	1159	44846	279	8	179	249	83

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—RECAPITULATION

List No.	NAME OF DISTRICT	NAME OF SUPERIN- TENDENT	Ministerial Support											Baptisms						
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Local Preachers No. on Charge	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under Instruction			
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid									
1	Aberdeen	P. O. Bunt.....	42312	42583	5776	3228	3219	714	714	1482	1481	47997	406	10	144	308	165			
2	Mitchell	J. S. Harkness..	39970	39824	5564	3006	2986	663	638	1319	1271	44609	335	3	115	235	146			
3	Rapid City	C. E. Matteson..	17682	17996	2991	1066	1266	186	227	363	438	18643	282	11	57	124	72			
4	Sioux Falls	G. W. Rosenberry	45215	45339	7260	3287	3270	740	720	1379	1357	47591	196	17	130	226	224			
5	Watertown	W. S. Sherherd..	40199	40133	6320	2952	2969	616	584	1232	1159	44846	279	8	179	249	83			
	Total, 1916 .....	.....	178163	175727	25849	12469	12381	2665	2642	4930	4865	195179	2771	58	595	926	530		
	Total, 1917 .....	.....	185378	185875	27911	13539	13710	2919	2883	5775	5707	203686	1498	49	625	1142	690		
	Increase or De- crease for 1917	7215	10148	2062	1070	1329	254	241	845	842	8507	1273	9	30	216	160			

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Church Membership					Sunday Schools			Epworth League		Church Property								Gen. Conf. Expenses			
Probationers		Full Members			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages	P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for the Quadrennium	List No.
Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths during Year																	
31	...	129	15	1	...	...	...	30	...	1	3500	1	5100	230	635	...	470	...	5	...	1
...	...	333	...	...	...	...	...	26	...	1	2000	...	...	30	100	...	100	...	...	...	2
12	...	57	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8500	1	1400	85	80	1725	52	...	...	...	3
...	3	54	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3000	1	2000	200	...	...	215	...	...	...	4
...	...	400	69	...	...	...	...	80	...	1	3000	1	1500	165	100	...	50	...	...	...	5
...	...	37	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	1	31000	1	6000	...	612	750	2231	...	...	...	6
...	...	87	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3000	1	1000	283	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
10	9	87	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	4500	1	2000	450	...	...	100	...	...	...	8
8	...	102	...	1	...	...	...	82	20	1	7000	1	1400	2300	...	1000	30	...	...	...	9
...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2500	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
17	69	63	2	...	...	...	...	36	...	3	470	...	600	162	1	1	32	...	...	...	11
5	1	30	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1000	600	...	250	16	...	...	...	12
13	22	197	22	6	...	...	...	35	...	2	14000	1	2700	600	...	400	492	...	...	...	13
26	4	88	...	2	...	...	...	25	...	1	3000	1	2000	277	...	...	75	8	...	6	14
...	...	46	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3000	1	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
...	8	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2000	1	1500	150	125	184	20	...	...	...	16
...	78	78	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2000	1	2000	...	...	...	150	...	...	...	17
...	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1500	...	...	150	...	...	100	...	...	...	18
28	3	163	15	1	...	...	...	25	33	1	7500	1	2200	100	...	150	193	...	...	...	19
...	8	139	29	2	...	...	...	20	...	3	6000	1	2500	75	...	...	125	...	...	...	20
2	15	154	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4600	1	2000	3	...	...	231	...	3	...	21
10	1	136	22	...	...	...	...	28	23	2	8400	1	2000	65	...	...	218	...	...	...	22
...	...	153	6	1	...	...	...	37	...	1	4000	1	5000	3300	...	1300	130	...	...	...	23
10	14	170	9	1	...	...	...	60	50	2	6050	1	2200	150	119	...	180	...	...	...	24
36	5	435	59	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	25000	1	6000	750	300	...	858	10	...	...	25
10	10	130	13	1	...	...	...	17	...	1	3000	1	1500	10000	...	...	311	5	...	...	26
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
...	10	114	6	1	...	...	...	23	...	1	7000	1	2500	105	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
2	4	146	26	3	...	...	...	35	14	1	3500	1	5000	425	800	...	210	...	...	...	29
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
...	...	35	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4000	...	...	...	240	72	100	...	2	...	31
31	...	185	25	...	...	...	...	55	...	1	70000	2	14000	396	2300	15000	3200	...	...	...	32
...	...	64	3	...	...	...	...	20	...	1	4000	1	1000	55	...	230	175	...	...	...	33
34	9	138	...	2	...	...	...	43	...	1	6000	1	3000	2140	100	2632	145	...	...	...	34
67	50	765	60	5	...	...	...	41	...	1	90000	1	7000	...	11500	38000	3230	...	...	...	35
8	22	68	7	1	...	...	...	...	25	1	2000	1	2500	148	...	1200	175	8	2	6	36
...	...	111	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3000	1	3000	...	...	160	...	...	...	...	37
362	345	4644	421	40	728	165	49	328820	33	140500	23393	16912	62994	13772	16	27	12	

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Church Membership					Sunday Schools			Epworth League		Church Property										Gen. Conf. Expenses															
Probationers		Full Members			Sunday Schools			Senior Members		Junior Members		Church Buildings		Estimated Value of Land and Buildings		Parsonages		Estimated Value of Land and Buildings		Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages		P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Current Expenses		Apportioned for the Quadrennium		Paid This Year		Balance Due for the Quadrennium		List No.	
Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths during Year	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages	P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for the Quadrennium	List No.															
324	193	4283	387	25	59	663	6999	747	299	52	320400	33	69800	13562	7262	14948	18490	388	182	209	1														
493	379	4931	348	38	58	678	7104	636	145	47	271900	27	64500	12492	5493	24210	13427	38	57	21	2														
115	79	1868	231	16	41	346	2803	505	87	37	99300	21	36275	4404	2556	10257	4441	45	18	13	3														
327	138	5104	493	44	52	662	7434	978	271	49	309500	34	85200	7340	14863	52525	16425	173	85	104	4														
362	345	4644	421	40	51	631	6412	728	165	49	328820	33	140500	23393	16912	62994	13772	16	27	12	5														
1238	902	19667	1678	148	271	2918	30064	3511	1026	235	1356450	143	320020	78854	59950	189708	34961	152	112	32															
1621	1134	20830	1880	163	261	2980	30752	3594	967	234	1329920	148	396275	61191	47086	164934	66555	660	369	359															
383	232	1163	202	15	10	62	688	83	59	1	26530	5	76255	17663	12864	24674	31594	508	257	327															

TREASURER'S REPORT—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences														
		Missions						Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals	General Deaconsess Board	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.				Church	Sunday Schools	Public Ed. Collection	Children's Day Fund				
		Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts									
1	Arlington	60	15	22	4	15	56	8	15	...	65	4	2	2	...	178
2	Aurora and Trenton.	18	...	...	16	...	...	3	2	...	11	6	2	2	...	...
3	Blunt and Harrold	8	...	...	10	...	...	2	1	2	2	8	...	...	1	...
4	Bradley	62	...	22	57	...	...	2	7	...	39	...	3	3	1	...
5	Broadland	32	6	35	30	6	...	5	4	1	20	7	2	2	...	5
6	Brookings	628	...	2308	307	...	25	50	39	...	209	22	18	18	5	1086
7	Bruce	42	3	40	38	3	8	6	5	1	26	...	2	2	1	32
8	Burdette and Carleton	56	9	21	50	9	...	10	6	2	40	...	3	3	1	...
9	Carpenter	31	...	...	31	...	...	8	...	...	7	8	3	3	1	...
10	Castlewood	3	9	...	9	...	...	2	...	2	6	...	1	1	...	...
11	Cavour and Pearl Creek	56	...	52	43	...	85	6	6	...	40	...	2	2	2	...
12	Chappell Circuit	12	...	...	11	...	...	2	1	...	8	...	1	1	...	...
13	Clark	137	63	35	181	...	...	28	15	7	118	22	10	10	3	163
14	Clear Lake	25	24	13	37	...	6	7	...	3	24	7	3	3	1	...
15	DeSmet	5	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
16	Elkton	5	...	...	5	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Esmond	60	20	40	30	20	...	5	10	26	5	...	2	...	...	140
18	Florence	12	...	...	12	...	...	5	1	2	10	2	1	10	1	...
19	Garden City	112	15	20	102	15	16	19	7	8	79	2	7	7	2	111
20	Gary	20	10	...	30	...	6	5	6	9	21	4	3	4	3	...
21	Hazel and Thomas	141	5	...	115	5	...	20	13	2	83	29	7	7	2	80
22	Henry	110	...	...	101	...	...	15	10	3	52	13	5	5	2	96
23	Highmore	1	...	16	10	...	...	4	2	...	2	2	1	1	1	...
24	Hitchcock	71	15	...	64	15	8	13	7	3	54	7	5	5	1	117
25	Huron	112	22	15	110	21	16	38	10	23	67	12	14	14	4	218
26	Iroquois	48	23	15	69	...	16	11	2	10	48	10	4	4	1	3
27	Kampeska . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Lake Preston	25	...	...	25	...	...	5	7	...	15	5	2	3	1	...
29	Miller	16	4	...	15	4	...	3	...	12	17	7	2	3	2	20
30	Okobojo . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	Oldham	17	12	...	14	12	6	3	...	3	10	7	1	2	...	...
32	Pierre	75	25	10	...	...	...	13	...	15	70	10	4	3	2	113
33	St. Lawrence	18	3	...	15	3	...	2	...	1	4	...	1	1	1	8
34	Tulare	61	23	40	77	...	10	13	8	2	43	10	4	4	1	1
35	Watertown	60	135	...	60	135	...	60	...	35	120	19	5	16	5	386
36	Wessington	41	...	...	35	...	...	6	5	...	26	...	2	1	1	37
37	White	10	10	1	1	...	4	...	1	1	1	204
	Total	2190	441	2704	1728	263	258	389	191	172	1347	228	123	143	48	3004

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Disciplinary Benevolences—Con.				Other Benevolences								Other Cash Items								GRAND TOTAL	List No.
Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Educational Endowments	Hospital	Red Cross	Y. M. A. C.	Conference Minutes	Other Benevolences	Christian Stewardship League	Total Benevolences	Conference Claimants	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops	Support of Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses				
5			451						38		489	25							1		
			61						3		64								2		
			35			3			16		54		1						3		
13	15		241					4	37		282								4		
			155								155								5		
	664		5379		802				338		6519		3						6		
			209								209								7		
		10	210					2	218		430								8		
			102	6		17					125								9		
			33								33								10		
			294					2	22		318		3						11		
			36								36								12		
			792						468		1260		3						13		
			153						72		225								14		
			13						49		62								15		
			12								12								16		
			358								358								17		
			56			10			38		104								18		
			522			3		3	89		617		2						19		
5			126		5	2			19	3	155	48	1						20		
130			639						144	2	790		1						21		
			412						262		674								22		
			40						39		40								23		
		1	386			32		2	151		459								24		
			696					4	101		851		2						25		
27			291					3			395		2						26		
																			27		
			88			19		2	38		147		2						28		
			105						11		116								29		
																			30		
			87						51		138	14							31		
			340	25					83		448		1						32		
			57						25		82		1						33		
			297					2	793		1092								34		
			1036		50	321	67	5	126		1605								35		
			154								154								36		
			233								233								37		
180	679	11	14099	31	862	407	67	29	3231	5	18731	87	22								

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—ABERDEEN DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES		SUNDAY SCHOOLS														
		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dep't Of'ers and T'chrs	Average Attendance of all Grades	Off'ic's & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections for B. of S. S.			S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
													Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering	
1	Aberdeen	1	61	597	65	138	861	420	61	420	40	30	...	...	...	917
2	Agar	1	25	105	...	20	150	65	25	20	...	...	...	...	...	35
3	Andover	1	11	149	...	19	179	80	9	69	12	12	...	...	...	80
4	Ashton	1	9	82	...	18	109	60	8	...	3	3	...	...	...	2
5	Bath and Putney	2	20	114	...	21	155	56	18	68	18	22	...	...	...	70
6	Big Stone City	2	21	134	...	12	167	105	15	56	...	...	...	...	...	52
7	Bowdle	1	6	52	...	...	58	30	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Bristol	1	6	60	...	6	78	45	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	32
9	Britton	3	24	236	2	44	306	176	21	71	4	12	...	...	...	160
10	Claremont	2	20	180	23	23	246	87	17	45	4	3	...	...	...	75
11	Conde	2	23	138	21	34	193	67	23	96	18	30	...	...	...	96
12	Corona and Twin Brooks	2	22	110	...	17	149	70	22	...	1	...	...	...	...	70
13	Cresbard	2	20	120	...	30	170	70	15	50	2	2	...	...	...	65
14	De Voe	2	18	75	...	...	93	35	17	...	5	...	...	...	...	45
15	Doland	2	20	204	...	36	250	140	20	...	...	3	...	...	...	135
16	Faulkton	2	27	130	...	37	194	102	22	67	...	...	...	...	...	160
17	Frankfort	2	20	150	...	18	188	90	20	40	4	...	...	...	...	75
18	Frederick	1	13	150	...	50	163	90	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	82
19	Gettysburg	1	14	245	...	43	302	100	14	...	5	20	...	...	...	108
20	Groton	1	18	152	...	36	204	150	18	175	40	40	...	...	...	200
21	Hecla	1	15	103	...	22	140	70	14	40	...	...	...	...	...	90
22	Langford	1	13	133	...	20	166	78	13	50	2	11	...	...	...	179
23	Leola	1	10	55	...	14	79	30	9	25	...	...	...	...	...	50
24	Mellette	1	10	90	...	14	114	55	4	49	17	12	...	...	...	60
25	Milbank	1	16	156	...	28	200	72	16	127	5	3	...	...	...	85
26	Northville	2	19	128	...	8	155	85	19	80	7	7	...	...	...	125
27	Redfield	1	20	250	...	25	295	150	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Rockham	2	22	131	...	16	169	78	20	75	12	10	...	...	...	98
29	Selby	2	17	148	11	23	199	100	14	20	...	2	...	...	...	108
30	Seneca	1	9	123	...	18	150	57	9	...	3	1	...	...	...	...
31	Sisseton	3	32	257	...	17	306	170	32	...	7	2	...	...	...	...
32	Timber Lake, Lemmon, Cheney	3	16	150	...	...	166	75	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
33	Waubay and Summit	3	16	181	30	20	247	155	13	50	14	...	...	...	...	90
34	Webster	2	17	150	...	14	181	85	17	...	14	15	...	...	...	55
35	Westport	1	7	50	...	...	57	35	6	20	3	3	...	...	...	38
36	White Rock	2	20	140	...	10	170	90	20	65	10	8	...	...	...	130
Total		59	663	5428	152	853	6999	3424	588	1828	250	251	...	...	...	3117

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—MITCHELL DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS													
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dep't Officers and T'chrs	Average Attendance of all Grades	Offic's & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections for B. of S. S.		
												Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering
1 Alexandria	2	32	265	10	25	332	170	30	150	3	3	...	...	160
2 Alpena	2	24	200	...	25	249	120	19	125	...	...	...	...	89
3 Armour	2	23	163	...	32	218	78	...	...	...	32	...	...	52
4 Artesian	1	12	140	...	...	152	90	12	50	...	...	...	...	35
5 Bard .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 Burke	1	10	115	...	...	125	75	7	23	...	...	...	...	20
7 Bridgewater	1	9	70	...	14	84	33	6	7	...	...	...	...	64
8 Chamberlain	1	17	85	9	20	131	58	17	33	16	...	...	...	112
9 Colome	1	7	43	...	...	50	40	4	10	...	...	...	...	...
10 Dallas	1	10	46	...	15	71	39	9	8	...	...	...	...	50
11 Ethan	1	14	88	...	...	88	47	12	37	1	1	...	...	50
12 Farmer	2	13	95	...	6	114	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
13 Farwell	1	12	107	...	4	123	70	12	50	...	1	...	...	39
14 Fulton	1	12	110	...	18	140	68	5	30	4	4	...	...	60
15 Geddes	2	21	143	...	38	202	115	19	112	22	22	...	...	138
16 Gregory	2	19	151	...	...	170	90	19	...	...	...	...	...	105
17 Herrick and St. Charles	2	15	125	...	50	190	85	6	20	10	6	...	...	35
18 Iona and Hamill	3	18	60	...	20	98	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19 Kimball	2	16	92	8	14	130	58	14	...	1	1	...	...	65
20 Lakeview Circuit	3	20	90	...	...	110	65	12	42	1	7	...	...	40
21 Lane	1	14	120	...	32	166	90	12	60	1	...	...	...	50
22 Letcher	1	7	...	...	...	40	20	2	...	...	...	...	...	16
23 Mitchell	1	60	1200	...	100	1360	700	60	300	30	40	...	...	1000
24 Mount Vernon	2	24	174	16	33	247	110	16	60	...	3	...	...	105
25 Paxton Circuit	3	12	85	...	...	97	65	8	40	1	...	...	...	15
26 Plankinton	2	26	200	...	65	291	135	24	100	25	20	...	...	110
27 Platte	2	22	...	...	...	150	90	22	...	1	...	...	...	92
28 Roswell	2	22	149	...	20	191	52	18	...	26	16	...	...	125
29 Springfield	1	14	60	...	39	113	57	10	35	...	3	...	...	72
30 Tripp	2	32	152	...	32	216	120	30	...	2	4	...	...	98
31 Tyndall	1	24	172	...	28	224	91	18	45	...	...	...	...	60
32 Viola	1	9	45	...	...	54	35	9	20	...	...	...	...	32
33 Virgil	1	11	60	...	12	83	50	5	6	12	...	...	...	45
34 Wagner	3	29	128	...	27	184	87	25	70	1	4	...	...	95
35 Wessington Springs	1	31	355	...	73	459	230	31	...	...	...	...	...	400
36 White Lake	2	22	159	13	10	204	89	13	40	...	...	...	...	110
37 Winner	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38 Woonsocket	1	20	145	...	20	185	102	20	140	20	15	225
Total	59	695	5392	56	772	7041	3589	526	1503	177	182	3900

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NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS													
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dep't Of'ers and T'chrs	Average Attendance of all Grades	Offic's & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections for B. of S. S.		
												Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering
1 Belle Fourche	1	12	113	10	135	73	9	17	9	9	9	105		
2 Caputa and Fairburn	1	6	105	11	118	75	9	125	1	1	1	40		
3 Custer	1	13	140	155	115	9	48	50	3	8	1	220		
4 Deadwood and Central City	2	15	100	80	100	80	6	25	12	16	5	54		
5 Draper	2	10	70	84	44	10	25	12	16	5	15	88		
6 Edgemont	1	14	20	25	10	5	12	16	5	15	75			
7 Harding	1	5	95	8	116	74	10	28	16	5	100			
8 Hot Springs	1	13	21	170	90	20	60	10	10	10	175			
9 Kennebec	3	24	150	21	407	190	24	125	10	10	45			
10 Lead and Terraville	2	29	279	99	20	100	20	80	30	16	75			
11 Midland and Hayes	4	24	70	25	95	65	20	44	6	6	45			
12 Murdo	2	24	130	20	175	100	20	80	30	16	75			
13 Newell	1	12	80	3	85	12	1	2	4	6	25			
14 Nowlin and Capa	1	3	20	20	20	1	5	1	1	1	20			
15 Oelrichs	1	11	50	50	34	5	18	10	7	1	35			
16 Oral	1	7	50	10	60	35	3	14	2	2	46			
17 Philip	1	10	35	45	35	8	18	10	7	1	145			
18 Piedmont	1	5	35	10	45	25	11	7	14	2	35			
19 Plainview	2	11	14	90	60	11	14	22	22	5	110			
20 Presho	1	15	30	140	65	7	14	2	2	5	25			
21 Rapid City	1	14	150	20	184	114	14	100	22	22	145			
22 Reliance	1	8	50	58	44	5	3	2	5	1	110			
23 Spearfish	2	21	150	10	181	90	21	75	25	15	25			
24 Sturgis	1	12	50	62	38	12	12	12	12	12	25			
25 Terry	1	5	64	15	89	40	15	15	15	15	50			
26 Wall and Quinn	3	15	90	5	110	70	15	15	15	15	50			
Total	40	338	2126	281	2799	1634	256	726	152	119	1448			

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dep't Officers and T'chrs	Average Attendance of all Grades	Offic's & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections for B. of S. S.	
												Church	Sunday School
												10% Sunday School Missionary Offering	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Alcester	2	12	60	...	...	60	40	50	...	3	...	...	60
2 Beresford	1	22	140	10	30	180	115	22	100	10	10	...	75
3 Canistota	2	13	...	...	...	160	80	13	...	...	...	...	88
4 Canton	1	20	307	18	30	425	195	20	214	34	34	...	316
5 Centerville	1	10	...	10	...	60	40	3	...	2	...	...	50
6 Chester	1	10	93	...	...	148	48	8	42	7	...	...	44
7 Colman	2	23	152	...	...	150	110	23	85	4	4	...	75
8 Colton	1	9	...	...	8	60	40	6	20	...	...	...	56
9 Davis	1	11	91	...	7	98	40	11	...	1	...	...	40
10 Dell Rapids	1	20	160	...	30	210	100	20	70	19	24	...	115
11 Egan	1	18	154	...	50	200	100	16	80	9	...	...	117
12 Elk Point	1	16	105	...	12	133	45	16	10	...	...	...	98
13 Flandreau	1	20	231	...	10	241	131	22	150	25	25	...	221
14 Flandreau Circuit	1	3	60	...	...	60	45	3	60	1	7	...	...
15 Garretson	2	14	124	6	25	155	80	12	40	...	...	...	80
16 Gayville	2	18	225	...	35	260	100	16	50	8	7	...	125
17 Harrisburg	3	15	160	...	30	190	100	...	...	...	...	...	50
18 Hartford	2	26	240	...	8	248	130	26	...	12	12	...	200
19 Howard	2	25	230	...	20	275	160	22	140	12	11	...	100
20 Hudson	2	20	75	...	34	110	60	...	...	...	...	...	25
21 Hurley	1	14	175	6	20	215	100	14	100	20	17	...	125
22 Irene	1	14	121	...	20	145	90	14	50	30	22	...	450
23 Junius	1	6	90	...	...	90	25	6	...	...	...	...	...
24 Lennox and Ellis	2	8	65	...	...	65	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
25 Madison	1	25	250	54	25	329	208	25	190	24	24	...	195
26 Montrose	2	16	141	...	7	148	83	14	90	...	...	...	60
27 Parker	1	24	220	10	45	299	111	20	145	8	10	...	127
28 Pioneer and Mount Zion	2	17	150	...	8	175	80	16	...	...	20	...	61
29 Richland	1	15	85	...	...	85	85	13	...	...	...	...	30
30 Salem	1	14	150	...	14	179	75	14	...	22	15	...	108
31 Scotland	1	16	118	...	25	159	85	13	35	...	...	...	...
32 Sioux Falls—First Church	1	45	802	...	175	982	414	45	...	14	14	...	687
33 East Side	1	23	200	...	20	220	125	20	...	...	...	...	125
34 Valley Springs	3	28	120	...	10	120	100	25	...	8	8	...	80
35 Vermilion	1	30	265	15	30	310	150	29	200	30	25	...	200
36 Wakonda	1	14	110	...	20	130	80	14	71	3	3	...	75
37 Yankton	1	27	248	...	52	300	145	22	...	20	...	...	175
Total	52	662	5937	129	802	7434	3765	618	1942	328	292	...	4433

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES		SUNDAY SCHOOLS													
		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dep't Officers and Teachers	Average Attendance of all Grades	Offic's & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections for B. of S. S.		S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
													Church	Sunday School	
1	Arlington	1	18	200	...	25	243	130	18	80	18	12	110
2	Aurora and Trenton	2	17	263	...	26	280	132	10	33	9	9	...	...	120
3	Blunt and Harrold	2	14	89	...	20	109	47	10	42	1	3	...	...	47
4	Bradley	1	12	130	...	40	170	90	11	60	12	12	...	...	75
5	Broadland	1	13	80	...	...	94	59	10	24	13	3	...	...	55
6	Brookings	1	32	520	...	25	545	313	32	...	...	...	...	...	367
7	Bruce	1	8	81	...	20	109	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
8	Burdette and Carlton	2	18	116	...	10	135	90	16	84	22	16	...	...	45
9	Carpenter	3	30	110	...	17	110	90	23	90	18	8	...	...	57
10	Castlewood	1	9	40	18	28	86	33	8	50	...	...	...	...	41
11	Cavour and Pearl Creek	3	23	...	...	...	177	77	14	32	8	5	...	...	85
12	Chappelle Circuit	2	10	...	...	...	35	25	9	10	...	1	...	...	25
13	Clark	2	32	192	18	40	282	135	30	125	12	12	...	...	120
14	Clear Lake	1	11	90	...	25	126	48	5	31	20	15	...	...	53
15	DeSmet	1	8	62	...	...	70	35	7	20	...	...	...	...	40
16	Elkton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Florence	2	11	62	...	...	75	25	5	5	...	...	...	...	...
18	Esmond	1	13	100	...	23	186	65	...	70	...	...	...	...	90
19	Garden City	1	21	160	...	40	221	78	21	80	20	16	...	...	90
20	Gary	2	16	120	12	30	178	85	14	70	...	...	...	...	65
21	Henry	2	19	156	...	28	203	116	19	...	...	12	...	...	102
22	Highmore	1	12	90	...	34	136	50	9	40	3	5	...	...	100
23	Hitchcock	2	16	126	...	30	156	74	15	73	30	54	...	...	60
24	Huron	1	30	330	12	132	474	186	30	171	39	37	...	...	200
25	Hazel and Thomas	2	20	126	...	8	154	74	20	78	...	1	...	...	104
26	Iroquois	2	25	190	...	26	241	100	22	60	10	36	...	...	100
27	Lake Preston	1	17	100	...	20	120	61	15	55	...	6	...	...	88
28	Miller	2	15	130	...	25	155	40	12	...	4	4	...	...	120
29	Oldham	1	11	75	...	20	95	50	9	21	...	...	...	...	37
30	Pierre	1	20	155	...	...	175	110	20	45	15	20	...	...	80
31	St. Lawrence	1	11	80	...	...	91	60	11	30	1	...	...	...	55
32	Tulare	1	15	162	...	14	182	90	14	125	23	23	...	...	82
33	Watertown	1	75	500	30	80	685	300	70	350	75	60	...	...	200
34	Wessington	2	21	106	...	65	166	56	21	100	27	8	...	...	50
35	White	1	8	100	...	40	148	70	7	40	160
Total		51	631	4891	90	868	6412	3042	537	2094	380	380	3079

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Number of beds	25	30
Number of pupils in training school	5	18
Number of patients treated	230	740
Patients receiving free service	13	65
Patients paying in part		57
Patients failing to pay anything		27
Number of births	15	37
Number of deaths	22	16
Number of surgical operations	202	633
Services rendered Methodist Ministers and families		\$667.75
Services rendered Ministers and fam- ilies of other denominations		498.33

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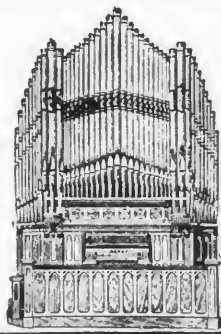


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